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M'KINLEY'S MESSAGE

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

It gives me pleasure to extend greeting to the Fifty-fifth congress assembled in regular session at the seat of government, with many of whose senators and representatives I have been associated in the legislative service. Their meeting occurs under felicitious conditions, justifying sincere congratulation and calling for our grateful acknowledgment to a beneficent Providence, which has so signally blessed and prospered us as a nation. Peace and good will with all the nations of the earth continue unbroken.

A matter of genuine satisfaction is the growing feeling of fraternal regard and unification of all sections of our country, the completeness of which has too long delayed realization of the highest blessings of the Union. The spirit of patriotism is universal and is ever increasing in fervor. The public questions which now most engross us are lifted far above either partisanship, prejudice or former sectional differences. They affect every part of our common country alike and permit of no division on ancient lines. Questions of foreign policy, of revenue, the soundness of the currency, the inviolability of national obligations, the improvement of the public service, appeal to the individual conscience of every citizen to whatever party he belongs or in whatever section of the country he may reside.

The extra session of this congress, which closed during July last, enacted important legislation, and while its full effect has not yet been realized, what it has already accomplished assures us of its timeliness and wisdom. To test its permanent value further time will be required and the people, satisfied with its operation and results thus far, are in no mind to withhold from it a fair trial.

THE CURRENCY.

Tariff legislation having been settled by the extra session of congress, the question next pressing for consideration is that of the currency.

The work of putting our finances upon a sound basis, difficult as it may seem, will appear easier when we recall the financial operations of the government since 1866. On June 20 of that year we had outstanding demand liabilities in the sum of $728,568,447.41. On Jan. 1, 1879, these liabilities had been reduced to $442,839,495.88. Of our interest bearing obligations, the figures are even more striking. On July 1, 1866, the principal of the interest bearing debt of the government was $2,332,-931,103. On July 1 1893 this sum had been reduced to $585,037,100, or an aggregate reduction of $1,747,894,003. The interest bearing debt of the United States on Dec. 1, 1897, was $147,165,620. The unmatured money now outstanding (Dec. 1) consists of $346,681,016 of United States notes issued by authority of the law of July 14, 1890, in payment of silver certificates and $51,827,761 of standard silver dollars.

With the great resources of the government and with the honorable example of the past before us, we ought not to hesitate to enter upon a currency revision which will make our demand obligations less onerous to the government and relieve our financial laws from ambiguity and doubt.

CONFIDENCE AND ADMONITION.

The brief review of what was accomplished from the close of the war to 1893 makes unreasonable and groundless any distrust either of our financial ability or soundness, while the situation from 1893 to 1897 must admonish congress of the immediate necessity of so legislating as to make the return of the conditions then prevailing impossible.

There are many plans proposed as a remedy for the evil. Before we can find the true remedy we must appreciate the real evil. It is not that our currency of every kind is not good for every dollar of it is good, good because the government's pledge is out to keep it so, and that pledge will not be broken. However, the guarantee of our purpose to keep the pledge will be best shown by advancing toward its fulfillment.

The evil of the present system is found in the great cost to the government of maintaining the parity of our different forms of money—that is, keeping all of them at par with gold. We surely cannot be longer heedless of the burden this imposes upon the people even under fairly prosperous conditions, while the past four years have demonstrated that it is not only an expensive charge upon the government, but a dangerous menace to the national credit.

It is manifest that we must devise some plan to protect the government against bond issues for repeated redemptions. We must either curtail the opportunity for speculation made easy by the multiplied redemptions of our demand obligations or increase the gold reserve for their redemption. We have $900,000,000 of currency which the government by solemn enactment has undertaken to keep at par with gold.

GOVERNMENT AND BANKS.

Nobody is obliged to redeem in gold but the government. The banks are not required to redeem in gold. The government is obliged to keep equal with gold all its outstanding currency and coin obligations, while its receipts are not required to be paid in gold. They are paid in every kind of money but gold, and the only means by which the government can with certainty get gold is by borrowing. It can get it in no other way when it most needs it. The government without any fixed gold revenue is required to maintain gold redemption, and it has steadily and faithfully done which under the authority given it will continue to do.

The policy which requires the government having redeemed its United States notes to pay them out again as current funds demands a constant reliance upon the gold reserve. This is especially true in times of business panic when revenues are insufficient to meet the expenses of the government. At such times the government has no other way to supply its deficit and maintain redemption but through the increase of its bonded debt, as during the administration of my predecessor when $262,315,400 of 4½ per cent bonds were issued and sold and the proceeds used to pay the expenses of the government in excess of the revenues and sustain the gold reserve. While it is true that the greater part of the proceeds of these bonds was used to supply deficient revenues, a considerable portion was required to maintain the gold reserve.

With our revenues equal to our expenses there would be no deficit requiring the issuance of bonds. But if the gold reserve falls below $100,000,000 how will it be replenished except by selling more bonds?

A SERIOUS QUESTION.

Is there any other way practicable under existing law? The serious question then is, Shall we continue the policy that has been pursued in the past—that is, when the gold reserve reaches the point of danger issue more bonds and supply the needed gold—or shall we provide other means to prevent these recurring drains upon the gold reserve? If no further legislation is had and the policy of selling bonds is to be continued, then congress should give the secretary of the treasury authority to sell bonds at long or short periods bearing a less rate of interest than is now authorized by law.

I earnestly recommend as soon as the receipts of the government are quite sufficient to pay all the expenses of the government that when any of the United States notes are presented for redemption in gold and are redeemed in gold such notes shall be kept and set apart and only paid out in exchange for gold. This is an obvious duty. If the holder of the United States note prefers the gold and gets it from the government, he should not receive back from the government a United States note without paying gold in exchange for it. The reason for this is made all the more apparent when the government issues an interest bearing debt to provide gold for the redemption of United States notes—a noninterest bearing debt. Surely it should not pay them out again except on demand and for gold. If they are put out in any other way, they may return again, to be followed by another bond issue to redeem them—another interest bearing debt to redeem a noninterest bearing debt.

In my view it is of the utmost importance that the government should be relieved from the burden of providing all the gold required for exchanges and export. This responsibility is alone borne by the government without any of the usual and necessary banking powers to help itself.

AN AWFUL STRAIN.

The banks do not feel the strain of gold redemption. The whole strain rests upon the government, and the size of the gold reserve in the treasury has come to be, with or without reason, the signal of danger or of security. This ought to be stopped.

If we are to have any era of prosperity in the country, with sufficient receipts for the expenses of the government, we may feel no immediate embarrassment from our present currency. But the danger still exists and will always present menacing us so long as the existing system continues, and manifestly it is in times of inadequate revenues of business tranquility that the government should prepare for the worst. We cannot avoid without serious consequences the wise consideration and prompt solution of this question.

The secretary of the treasury has outlined a plan in part detail for the purpose of removing the threatened recurrence of a depleted gold reserve and to save us from future embarrassment on that account. To this plan I invite your careful consideration.

I concur with the secretary of the treasury in his recommendation that national banks shall be allowed to issue notes to the face value of the bonds which they have deposited for circulation and that the tax on circulating notes secured by deposit of such bonds be reduced to one-half of 1 per cent per annum. I also join him in recommending that authority be given for the establishment of national banks of a minimum capital stock of $25,000. This will enable the smaller villages and agricultural regions of the country to be supplied with currency to meet their needs.

I recommend that the issue of national bank notes be restricted to the denomination of $10 and upward. If the suggestions I have herein made shall have the approval of congress, then I would recommend that national banks be required to redeem their notes in gold.

SPAIN AND CUBA.

The most important problem with which this government is now called upon to deal with pertaining to its foreign relations concerns its duty toward Spain and the Cuban insurrection. Problems and conditions more or less in common with those now existing have confronted this government at various times in the past. The story of Cuba for many years has been one of unrest, growing discontent, an effort toward a larger enjoyment of liberty and self control, of organized resistance to the mother country, of depression after distress and warfare and of ineffectual settlement to be followed by renewed revolt. For no enduring period since the enfranchisement of the continental possessions of Spain in the western continent has the condition of Cuba or the policy of Spain toward Cuba not caused concern to the United States.

The prospect from time to time that the weakness of Spain's hold upon the island and the present vicissitudes and embarrassments of the home government might lead to the transfer of Cuba to a continental power called forth, between 1823 and 1860, various emphatic declarations of the policy of the United States to permit no disturbance of Cuba's connection with Spain unless in the direction of independence or acquisition by us through purchase; nor has there been any change of this declared policy since upon the part of the government.

The revolution which began in 1868 lasted for ten years despite the strenuous efforts of the successive peninsular governments to suppress it. Then, as now, the government of the United States testified its grave concern and offered its aid to put an end to bloodshed in Cuba.

OUR OVERTURES REJECTED.

The overtures made by General Grant were refused and the war dragged on, entailing great loss of life and treasure and increased injury to American interests, besides throwing enhanced burdens of neutrality upon this government. In 1878 peace was brought about by the truce of Zanjon, obtained by negotiations between the Spanish commander, Martinez de Campos, and the insurgent leaders.

The present insurrection broke out in February, 1895. It is not my purpose at this time to recall its remarkable increase or to characterize its tenacious resistance against the enormous forces massed against it by Spain. The revolt and the efforts to subdue it carried destruction to every quarter of the island, developing wide proportions and defying the efforts of Spain for its suppression. The civilized code of war has been disregarded no less so by the Spaniards than by the Cubans.

The existing conditions cannot but fill this government and the American people with the gravest apprehension. There is no desire on the part of our people to profit by the misfortunes of Spain. We have only the desire to see the Cubans prosperous and contented, enjoying that measure of self control which is the inalienable right of man, protected in their right to reap the benefit of the exhaustless treasures of their country. The offer made by my predecessor in April, 1896, tendering the friendly offices of this government, failed. Any mediation on our part was not accepted. In brief the answer read, "There is no effectual way to pacify Cuba unless it begins with the actual submission of the rebels to the mother country." Then only could Spain act in the promised direction of her own modern and after her own plans.

The cruel policy of concentration was initiated Feb. 16, 1896. The productive districts controlled by the Spanish armies were depopulated: the agricultural inhabitants were herded in and about the garrison towns, their lands laid waste and their dwellings destroyed.

FAILURE OF RECONCENTRATION.

This policy the late cabinet of Spain justified as a necessary measure of war and as a means of cutting off supplies from the insurgents. It has utterly failed as a war measure. It was not civilized warfare, it was extermination.

Against this abuse of the rights of war I have felt constrained on repeated occasions to enter the firm and earnest protest of this government. There was much of public condemnation of the treatment of American citizens by alleged illegal arrests and long imprisonment, awaiting trial or pending protracted judicial proceedings. I felt it my first duty to make instant demand for the release or speedy trial of all American citizens under arrest. Before the change of the Spanish cabinet, in October last, 22 prisoners, citizens of the United States, had been given their freedom.

The instructions given to our new minister to Spain before his departure for his post directed him to impress upon that government the sincere wish of the United States to lend its aid toward the ending of the war in Cuba by reaching a peaceful and lasting result, just and honorable alike to Spain and to the Cuban people. These instructions recited the character and duration of the contest, the widespread losses it entails, the burdens and restraints it imposes upon us, with constant disturbance of national interests, and the injury resulting from an indefinite continuance of this state of things. It was stated that at this juncture our government was constrained to seriously inquire if the time was not ripe when Spain of her own volition, moved by her own interests and every sentiment of humanity, should put a stop to this destructive war and make proposals of settlement honorable to herself and just to her Cuban colony.

It is urged that as a neighboring nation with large interests in Cuba we could be required to wait only a reasonable time for the mother country to establish its authority and restore peace and order within the borders of the island; that we could not contemplate an indefinite period for the accomplishment of this result.

NO SOLUTION PROPOSED.

No solution was proposed to which the slightest idea of humiliation to Spain could attach, and indeed the precise proposals were withheld to avoid embarrassment to that government. All that was asked or expected was that some safe way might be speedily provided and permanent peace restored.

The reply to our note was received on Oct. 23. It is in the direction of a better understanding. It appreciates the friendly purposes of this government. It admits that our country is deeply affected by the war in Cuba and that its desires for peace are just. It declares that the present Spanish government is bound by every consideration to a change of policy that should satisfy the United States and pacify Cuba within a reasonable time. To this end Spain has decided to put into effect the political reforms heretofore advocated by the present premier without halting for any consideration in the path which in its judgment leads to peace. The military operations, it is said, will continue, but will be humane and conducted with all regard for private rights, being accompanied by political action leading to the autonomy of Cuba while guarding Spanish sovereignty. This, it is claimed, will result in investing Cuba with a distinct personality, the island to be governed by an executive and by a local council or chamber, reserving to Spain the control of the foreign relations, the army and navy and the judicial administration. To accomplish this the present government proposes to modify existing legislation by decree, leaving the Spanish cortes, with the aid of Cuban senators and deputies, to solve the economic problem and properly distribute the existing debt.

SPAIN'S MODERATE REPLY.

In the absence of a declaration of the measures that this government proposes to take in carrying out its proffer of good offices it suggests that Spain be left free to conduct military operations and grant political reforms, while the United States for its part shall enforce its neutral obligations and cut off the assistance which it is asserted the insurgents receive from this country. The supposition of an indefinite prolongation of the war is denied. It is asserted that the western provinces are already well nigh reclaimed, that the planting of cane and tobacco therein has been resumed and that by force of arms and new and ample reforms very early and complete pacification is hoped for.

The immediate amelioration of existing conditions under the new administration of Cuban affairs is predicted, and therewith all the disturbance and all occasion for any change of attitude on the part of the United States. Discussion of the question of the international duties and responsibilities of the United States as Spain understands them is made with an apparent disposition to charge us with failure in this regard. This charge is without any basis in fact. It could not have been made if Spain had been cognizant of the constant efforts this government has made at the cost of millions and by the employment of the administrative ministry of the nation at command to perform its full duty according to the law of nations. That it has successfully prevented the departure of a single expedition or armed vessel from our shores in violation of our laws would seem to be a sufficient answer.

Of the untried measures there remain only recognition of the insurgents as belligerents, recognition of the independence of Cuba, neutral intervention to end the war by imposing a rational compromise between the contestants and intervention in favor of one or the other party.

NO FORCIBLE ANNEXATION.

I speak not of forcible annexation, for that cannot be thought of. That, by our code of morality, would be criminal aggression.

Recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents has often been canvassed as a possible if not inevitable step both in regard to the previous ten years' struggle and during the present war. It is to be seriously considered whether the Cuban insurrection possesses beyond dispute the attributes of statehood which alone can demand the recognition of belligerency in its favor. Possession, in short, of the essential qualifications of sovereignty by the insurgents and the conduct of the war by them according to the received code of war are no less important factors toward the determination of the problem of belligerency than are the influences and consequences of the struggle upon the internal policy of the recognizing state.

The wise utterances of President Grant in his memorable message of Dec. 7, 1875, are signally relevant to the present situation in Cuba, and it may be wholesome now to recall them. At that juncture General Grant uttered these words, which now, as then, sum up the elements of the problem:

"A recognition of the independence of Cuba being, in my opinion, impracticable and indefensible, the question which next presents itself is that of the recognition of belligerent rights in the parties to the contest. In a former message to congress I had occasion to consider this question and reached the conclusion that the conflict in Cuba, dreadful and devastating as were its incidents, did not rise to the fearful dignity of war. * * * It is possible that the acts of foreign powers and even acts of Spain herself of this very nature might be pointed to in defense of such recognition. But now as in its past history the United States should carefully avoid the false lights which might lead it into the mazes of doubtful law and of questionable propriety and adhere rigidly and sternly to the rule which has been its guide, of doing only that which is right and honest and of good report.

UNFRIENDLY IF UNNECESSARY.

"The question of according or of withholding rights of belligerency must be judged in every case in view of the particular attending facts. Unless justified by necessity it is always, and justly, regarded as an unfriendly act and a gratuitous demonstration of moral support to the rebellion. It is necessary, and it is required, when the interests and rights of another government or of its people are so far affected by a pending civil conflict as to require a definition of its relations to the parties thereto. But this conflict must be one which will be recognized in the sense of international law as war.

"Belligerency, too, is a fact. The mere existence of contending armed bodies and their occasional conflicts do not constitute war in the sense referred to. Applying to the existing condition of affairs in Cuba the tests recognized by publicists and writers on international law, and which have been observed by nations of dignity, honesty and power when free from sensitive or selfish and unworthy motives, I fail to find in the insurrection the existence of such a substantial political organization, real, palpable and manifest to the world, having the forms and capable of the ordinary functions of government toward its own people and to other states, with courts for the administration of justice with a local habitation, possessing such organization of force, such material, such occupation of territory as to take the contest out of the category of a mere rebellious insurrection or occasional skirmish and place it on the terrible footing of war, to which a recognition of belligerency would aim to elevate it.

INSURGENTS HAVE NO SEAPORT.

"The contest, moreover, is solely on land. The insurrection has not possessed itself of a single seaport whence it may send forth its flag, nor has it any means of communication with foreign powers except through the military lines of its adversaries. No apprehension of any of those sudden and difficult complications which a war upon the ocean is apt to precipitate upon the vessels, both commercial and national, and upon the consular officers of other powers calls for the definition of their relations to the parties to the contest. Considered as a question of expediency, I regard the accordance of belligerent rights still to be as unwise and premature as I regard it to be, at present, indefensible as a measure of right.

"Such recognition entails upon the country according the rights which flow from it difficult and complicated duties and requires the exaction from the contending parties of the strict observance of their rights and obligations. It confers the right of search upon the high seas by vessels of both parties, it would subject the carrying of arms and munitions of war which now may be transported freely and without interruption in vessels of the United States to detention and to possible seizure, it would give rise to countless vexatious questions, would release the parent government from responsibility for acts done by the insurgents and would invest Spain with the right to exercise the supervision recognized by our treaty of 1795 over our commerce on the high seas, a very large part of which, in its traffic between the Atlantic and the gulf states and between all of them and the states of the Pacific, passes through the waters which wash the shores of Cuba. The exercise of this supervision could scarce fail to lead, if not to abuses, certainly to collisions perilous to the peaceful relations of the two states."

Turning to the practical aspects of a recognition of belligerency and reviewing its inconveniences and positive dangers, still further pertinent considerations appear.

WHAT RECOGNITION IMPLIES.

In the code of nations there is no such thing as a naked recognition of belligerency unaccompanied by the assumption of international neutrality. Such recognition without more will not confer upon either party to a domestic conflict a status not theretofore actually possessed or affect the relation of either party to other states. * * *

The enforcement of the enlarged and onerous code of neutrality would only be influential within our own jurisdiction by land and sea and applicable by our own instrumentalities. It could impart to the United States no jurisdiction between Spain and the insurgents. It would give the United States no right of intervention to enforce the conduct of the strife within the paramount authority of Spain according to the international code of war.

For these reasons I regard the recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents as now unwise and therefore inadmissible. Should that step hereafter be deemed wise as a measure of right and duty, the executive will take it.

Intervention upon humanitarian grounds has been frequently suggested and has not failed to receive my most anxious and earnest consideration, but should such a step be now taken when it is apparent that a hopeful change has supervened in the policy of Spain toward Cuba? A new government has taken office in the mother country. * * *

The first acts of the new government lie in the honorable paths. The policy of cruel rapine and extermination that so long shocked the universal sentiment of humanity has been reversed. Under the new military commander a broader clemency is proffered. Measures have already been set on foot to relieve the horrors of starvation. The power of the Spanish armies, it is asserted, is to be used not to spread ruin and desolation, but to protect the resumption of peaceful agricultural pursuits and productive industries. That past methods are futile to force a peace by subjugation is freely admitted and that ruin without conciliation must inevitably fail to win for Spain the fidelity of a contented pendency.

Decrees in application of the foreshadowed reforms have already been promulgated. * * *

That the government of Sagasta has entered upon a course from which recession with honor is impossible can hardly be questioned, that in the few weeks it has existed it has made earnest of the sincerity of its professions is undeniable.

THE GOVERNMENT'S SINCERITY.

I shall not impugn its sincerity, nor should impatience be suffered to embarrass it in the task it has undertaken. It is honestly due to Spain and to our friendly relations with Spain that she should be given a reasonable chance to realize her expectations and to prove the asserted efficacy of the new order of things to which she stands irrevocably committed. She has recalled the commander whose brutal orders inflamed the American mind and shocked the civilized world. She has modified the horrible order of concentration and has undertaken to care for the helpless and permit those who desire to resume the cultivation of their fields to do so. * * *

Not a single American citizen is now in arrest or confinement in Cuba of whom this government has any knowledge. The near future will demonstrate whether the indispensable condition of a righteous peace just alike to the Cubans and to Spain as well as equitable to all our interests so intimately involved in the welfare of Cuba is likely to be attained. If not, the exigency of further and other action by the United States will remain to be taken. When that time comes, that action will be determined in the line of indisputable right and duty, and it will be faced without misgivings or hesitancy. * * *

special envoys to represent the United States. They have been diligent in their efforts to secure the concurrence and co-operation of European countries in the international settlement of the question, but up to this time have not been able to secure an agreement contemplated by their mission. The gratifying action of our great sister republic of France in joining this country in an attempt to bring about an agreement among the principal commercial nations of Europe whereby a fixed and relative value between gold and silver shall be secured furnishes assurance that we are not alone among the larger nations of the world in realizing the international character of the problem and in the desire of reaching some wise and practical solution of it. * * * Our special envoys have not made their final report, as further negotiations between the representatives of this government and the governments of other countries are pending and in contemplation. * * *

OUR MERCHANT MARINE.

Most desirable from every standpoint of national interest and patriotism is the effort to extend our foreign commerce. To this end our merchant marine should be improved and enlarged. We should do our full share of the carrying trade of the world. We do not do it now. We should be the laggard no longer. The inferiority of our merchant marine is justly humiliating to the national pride. The government by every proper constitutional means should aid in making our ships familiar visitors at every commercial port of the world, thus opening up new and valuable markets to the surplus products of the farm and the factory. * * *

International arbitration cannot be omitted from the list of subjects claiming our consideration. Events have only served to strengthen the general views on this question expressed in my inaugural address. The best sentiment of the civilized world is moving toward the settlement of differences between nations without resorting to the horrors of war. Treaties embodying these humane principles of broad lines without in any way imperiling our interests or our honor shall have my constant encouragement. * * *

THE NAVY.

The present immediately effective force of the navy consists of 4 battleships of the first class, 2 of the second and 48 other vessels ranging from armored cruisers to torpedo boats. There are under construction 5 battleships of the first class, 16 torpedo boats and 1 submarine boat. No provision has yet been made for the armor of three of the five battleships, as it has been impossible to obtain it at the price fixed by congress. It is of great importance that congress provide this armor, as until then the ships are of no fighting value.

If it shall hereafter appear to be a duty imposed by our obligations to ourselves, to civilization and humanity to intervene with force, it shall be without fault on our part and only because the necessity for such action will be so clear as to command the support and approval of the civilized world.

THE ANNEXATION PROBLEM.

By a special message, dated the 16th day of June last, I laid before the senate a treaty, signed that day by the plenipotentiaries of the United States and of the republic of Hawaii, having for its purpose the incorporation of the Hawaiian Island as an integral part of the United States and under its sovereignty. The senate having removed the injunction of secrecy—although the treaty is still pending before that body—the subject may be properly referred to in this message because the necessary action of the congress is required to determine by legislation many details of the eventual union should the fact of annexation be accomplished, as I believe it should be. * * *

If the treaty is confirmed, as every consideration of dignity and honor requires, the wisdom of congress will see to it that avoiding abrupt assimilation of elements perhaps hardly yet fitted to share in the highest franchises of citizenship and having due regard to the geographical conditions, the most just provisions for self rule in local matters with the largest political liberties as an integral part of our nation will be accorded to the Hawaiians. No less is due a people which after nearly five years of demonstrated capacity to fulfill the obligations of self governing statehood come of their free will to merge destinies in our body politic.

The questions which have arisen between Japan and Hawaii by reason of the treatment of Japanese laborers emigrating to the islands under the Hawaiian-Japanese convention of 1888, are in a satisfactory stage of settlement by negotiation. * * *

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

A subject of large importance to our country and increasing appreciation on the part of the people is the completion of the great highway of trade between the Atlantic and Pacific, known as the Nicaragua canal. Its utility and value to American commerce are universally admitted. The commission appointed under date of July 24 last "to continue the surveys and examinations authorized by the act approved March 2, 1895," in regard to "the proper route, feasibility and cost of construction of the Nicaragua canal, with a view of making complete plans for the entire work of construction of such canal" is now employed in the undertaking. In the future I shall take occasion to transmit to congress the report of this commission, making at the same time such further suggestions as may then seem advisable.

THE MONETARY COMMISSION.

Under the provisions of the act of congress, approved March 3, 1897, for the promotion of an international agreement respecting bimetallism I appointed, on the 14th day of April, 1897, Hon. Edward O. Wolcott of Colorado, Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois and Hon. Charles J. Paine of Massachusetts as

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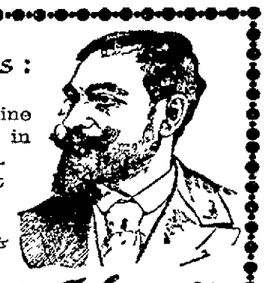

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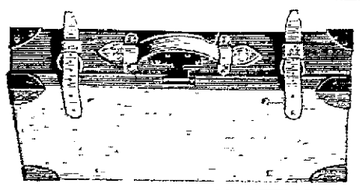

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MRS. ANGELL LOSES.

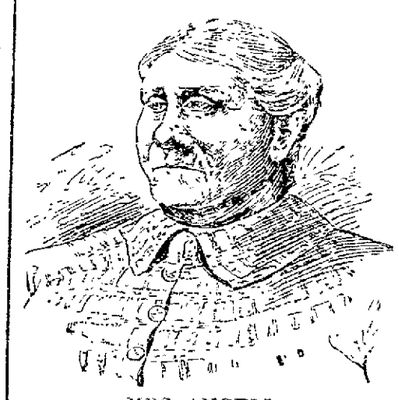
Jury Quickly Declares In Favor of the Goulds.

RETALIATORY ACTION MAY ENSUE.

Miss Helen Gould and Her Brother Frank, With Many Women Friends, Interested Spectators of the Proceedings In Court.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The suit brought by Mrs. Sarah Ann Angell against the Gould estate for right of dower has been dismissed by the supreme court. The jury did not leave their seats. It is intimated that as a result some retaliatory action may be taken against Mrs. Angell.

Margaret E. Coady, who it is claimed, induced Mrs. Angell to bring the ac-



MRS. ANGELL.

tion, was the last witness on the stand. She testified that Mrs. Angell had given a deed for the property she expected to get out of the suit in favor of herself and Asa J. Parker, an Albany lawyer. Her testimony failed to implicate her in the conspiracy against the Goulds, if there was one. It was then that counsel for the plaintiff asked that the suit be dismissed. The judge put the question to the jury, and after a moment's consultation the foreman nodded his head in assent.

Miss Helen Gould, plainly dressed in a purple waist and dark suit, was in court. Miss Gould sat in the front row surrounded by women friends, all but one of whom were elderly. Her brother Frank was seated close to her.

At the table reserved for lawyers sat a thin, aged woman in widow's weeds, who twitched nervously in her chair. This was Margaret E. Coady. There were but few uninterested spectators in the courtroom. Miss Gould gazed about the courtroom through a pair of eyeglasses. She chatted pleasantly with her companions while waiting for the case to be called.

After a verdict in another action had been rendered the case of Angell against Gould was called. Miss Gould at once displayed interest and leaned forward in her chair in an attempt to hear what was said. Mrs. Coady arose from her seat and spoke in almost inaudible tones to Judge Freedman.

All that could be understood of her remarks was that she wished the judge to accept two affidavits which she held in her hand. Judge Freedman informed her that he would consider acceptance of the affidavits when the case was taken up after a recess.

An attempt was made when court reconvened to have Mrs. Angell's suit withdrawn. Mr. Root was on his feet in an instant and fought the motion saying that Mrs. Angell had hurt the reputation of the Gould heirs, and he wanted the case finished in open court.

The motion to withdraw was denied and the case went on, although Mrs. Angell admitted on a previous occasion that she was never married to Jay Gould.

Railway to Be Extended.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Because of the refusal of the Kaaterskill railroad to enter into a traffic arrangement for 1898 the shareholders of the Otis Elevating railroad, the Catskill Mountain railroad and the Catskill and Tannersville railway have decided to extend the latter railway from Kaaterskill Station to Tannersville. The Catskill Mountain Railway company has agreed to guarantee 6 per cent dividends on the balance of $75,000 of the stock of the Catskill and Tannersville Railway company, provided by the charter.

Hawaiians Arrive In Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The delegation of native Hawaiians who have come to this country to present a protest against the ratification of the annexation treaty has reached Washington. They are Colonel John Richardson, James H. Kauha, William Auld and D. Kalaukalani. They were not ready to make any statement concerning their mission, beyond the fact that they were here to present a protest, adding that they would be able to say more in a day or two.

Democratic Mayor Elected.

WILLIMANTIC, Conn., Dec. 7.—The city election held here resulted in a Democratic victory, Oscar O. Tanner, the Democratic nominee for Mayor, defeating George W. Maloney, his Republican opponent, by a majority of 280. This was a reversal from the previous election two years ago. The council now stands seven Democrats and five Republicans.

Pierced With Many Bullets.

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 7.—Albert Giles, a prominent farmer living in the west end of Van Buren county, was assassinated while passing along the public road. He was fired upon from ambush, and a dozen bullets from rifles penetrated his body. The murder is believed to have been the work of moonshiners.

The Kiao Chau Affair.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Berlin correspondent of The Times believes that Germany has proposed to China to take a lease, at a nominal sum, of Kiao Chau bay and adjacent territory for a "long period."

Poisoned by Wood Alcohol.

EXETER, N. H., Dec. 7.—Three residents of this town are dead as the result of drinking wood alcohol. The names of the victims are Horace Quimby, Mrs. Quimby and Mrs. Annie Fitzsimmons.

A MINE EXPLOSION.

Three Men Are Fatally Hurt and Others Have Very Narrow Escapes.

PITTSTON, Pa., Dec. 7.—A terrific explosion of gas in the Clear Spring mine will cost three men their lives. The remarkable escape of seven others from a living tomb forms a thrilling incident in the accident. The injured men are Adam Donavitch, Peter Donavitch and Alexander Dorbrastey. How the accident occurred is not clear, for the men who figured in it are all foreigners and unable to tell a coherent story.

The Clear Spring mine is situated across the river from this town. The first intimation of a mishap was when the earth violently shook and caused whole blocks of houses to sway. The explosion wrecked the mine, and great masses of coal and rock obstructed the work of the rescuers. The seven entombed men were rescued after several hours' work. One of them said that a runaway car had knocked loose a prop. This fell and with it caved in a mass of rock, the gas escaping from the opening thus caused. The mine is badly damaged.

ON SERIOUS CHARGE.

Arrest of a Former Bank Cashier For Alleged Embezzlement.

WAVERLY, N. Y., Dec. 7.—C. T. Hull, for many years cashier of the First National bank of Athens, N. Y., has been arrested by United States Marshal Holton, charged with embezzlement and making false entries in the books of the bank. He was taken to Towanda and arraigned before Commissioner Mix. He pleaded not guilty and gave bail in $2,000 for his appearance on Dec. 28 for examination.

Hull left the bank's employ about two years ago, and a couple of months ago the bank went into voluntary liquidation. A United States examiner then went through the books, and it is alleged he found a shortage of $1,373.

Hull is prominent in Grand Army and musical circles and is widely known. The news of his arrest caused a profound sensation. For a year or more he has been employed on a local newspaper.

SLOANE'S CLOSE CALL.

Barrel of a Gun Bursts While He Is Holding It.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—While shooting pheasants with Lord William Beresford at his lordship's place, Deepdene Dorking, yesterday, Tod Sloane had a narrow escape from losing his left hand, if not his life.

The barrel of his gun burst just beyond the point where Sloane grasped it with his left hand.

The gun was a new English one. When it was examined by Lord Marcus Beresford and the other guests who had been invited to meet the celebrated American jockey, they found it to be badly shattered. This is the second gun that has exploded in Sloane's hands within a week. He says that if the barrel had burst one inch further back he never would have been able to ride again.

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the yd 8c

Black Cotton Moreen

the yd 10c.

Best Wool Moreen

the yard 25c.
Best Apron Check Ginghams, yd 4½c.
Best Indigo Blue Calico, yd 4½c.
Best Black Mourning and Steel Grey Calicoes, the yd 4½c.

Linens

White Damask Irish Linen Table Cloths, 2x2 each, $1.25.
Same, 2x2½ each, $1.75.
Dinner Napkins a dozen 99c
Crash Toweling, bleached or brown, per yd 3c.

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Ladies Winter Underwear

Ladies' Heavy Merino Underwear, high neck, long sleeves, pants to match, 50c value, each 35c.
Ladies' Ribbed Underwear in white long sleeves pants to match, a good 25c quality, each 19c.
Ladies Ver Heavy Ribbed fleeced underwear, a good 50c quality, each 35c
Ladies' Combination Suits, a very each 45c
Misses' Comb nation Suits, each 35c.

Hosiery and Mittens

Ladies' Black Wool Hose, worth 25c pair, 15c
Misses' Wool Hose, plain or ribbed, 25c value, pair 15c.
Ladies' Fine Black Cashmere Hose, double heels and toes, extra long, 35c value, pair 25c
Ladies' Fleece Lined Hose 15c.
Men's Good Cotton Sox, pair 5c.
Men's Wool Sox, pair 10c.
Mittens, Child's or 'and 8", pair 10c.
Good 20c Mittens, ladies' or child's, pair 15c.
25c Mittens, ladies' or child's, pair 18c.

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Double Fleeced Flannelette Wrappers of exquisite patterns, new sleeve, with small lapel for shoulder, yoke, lapel collar and belt trimmed with fancy braid, wide skirt and separate waist lining, $1.19 would be cheap for this wrapper, each 98c.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATORS IN ANNUAL SESSION.

Unpaid Taxes Re-assessed—A Bill for Six Years' Religious Services at Orange Farm—Ratio Committee's Report Considered—Mr. Ketcham's Indignant Protest in Behalf of Cornwall—The Report Confirmed Despite Cornwall's Threat to Appeal—Short and Uninteresting Discussion on Good Roads.

Blooming Grove	Joseph E. Board, R
Chester	Geo. W. Fredericks, R
Cornwall	Charles Ketcham, D
Crawford	Sam'l D. Roberson, D
Deerpark	Thomas J. Quick, R
Goshen	J. E. Wells, R
Greenville	Samuel V. Jones, D
Hamptonburgh	Chas. P. Howell, R
Highlands	Louis F. Goodsell, R
Middletown—	
First Ward	James E. Brazee, R
Second Ward	Chas. J. Boyd, R
Third Ward	John E Iseman, R
Fourth Ward	Nelson W. Wood, R
Minisink	Richard S. Tuthill, D
Monroe	Joseph Rake, R
Montgomery	Irving H. Loughran, R
Mount Hope	Chas. W. Loomis, R
Newburgh City—	
First Ward	John M. Wilson, R
Second Ward	Henry B. Lawson, R
Third Ward	Geo. Mosher, R
Fourth Ward	Hugh McKissock, D
Fifth Ward	Jonathan Taylor, D
Sixth Ward	J. J. E. Harrison, R
Newburgh Town	Wm. H. Post, R
New Windsor	Geo. Debenham, D
Tuxedo	Mahlon J. Brooks, R
Wallkill	H. D. Thompson, R
Warwick	Ira S. Smith, D
Wawayanda	John I. Bradley, D
Woodbury	John A. Patterson, R

GOSHEN, Dec. 6.—Promptly at 10:30 this morning, the Board was called to order and the business of the week began.

The Law Committee reported the returns for unpaid school taxes in several towns as correct, and they were ordered assessed against the property reported. The same course was taken with a long list of persons and corporations who had failed to work their road taxes during the past year.

The petition of Eliza Armstrong, of the town of Newburgh, for exemption from taxation on property purchased with pension money, was reported by the Law Committee, which said that if there was an exemption it began in 1894; that the assessors were better able than this Board to judge what property be exempt. The report was received and filed.

James R. Dickerson made an application for the refunding of over-paid taxes. The Law Committee reported that the application was not made in proper form.

Mr. Board, of Blooming Grove, introduced a resolution authorizing the assessment of $1 for every $500 with which to work the highways of his town, and the further sum of $1 for every name liable to poll tax on the assessment roll on people living in his town outside the corporate limits of the village of Washingtonville. This is in accordance with the money system of working roads, which is in vogue in the town of Blooming Grove.

Mr. Wood, chairman of the Justices' Committee, reported that his committee had audited bills for justices of Orange county to the amount of $306.75, and asked that drafts be drawn to that amount.

By resolution of Mr. Ketcham the audits of Cornwall this year will be $2,479.08.

Mrs. Jacob F. Brundage presented a bill of $120 for religious services rendered by her late husband. The services were rendered at Orange Farm, and are charged for at the rate of $20 per year for six years. At the request of Mr. Boyd this matter was referred to the Committee on Superintendents of the Poor Accounts with instructions to investigate and report later.

Mr Bradley introduced a resolution allowing the sheriff the sum of $50 per year for Newburgh and $25 per year for Goshen for keeping the grounds about the Court House in a neat and clean condition. This went over under objection.

Then Mr Fredericks chairman of the Ratio Committee, called up the report of the committee and moved its adoption. The report of the committee was given in the proceedings of Friday.

Mr. Ketcham, of Cornwall, whose valuation was raised $80,000, protested against its adoption. He said in part that just before election there appeared in the Cornwall paper a statement to the effect that Mr. Orr (Mr. Orr was Mr. Ketcham's opponent) had made enough rends among the supervisors to assure him that the ratio table in case of his election would be made out so that Cornwall would reap a benefit from it. Mr. Ketcham said that he resented this imputation against the Republican members of the Board. Then he spoke about the report of the committee. "I cannot believe," he remarked, "that this report is directed at me personally, for I am already politically dead, and it would be cowardice to attack a dead man." He then spoke of his Board of Assessors in high terms, saying among other things that two of them were churchmen, and that the other feared neither God, man nor the devil, but was a very able man. He believed that the report of the committee was as much an attack on them as upon him. "I represent upon this floor," Mr. Ketcham continued, "what has been, since election at least, the banner Republican town of Orange county;" and Mr. Ketcham said that the treatment Cornwall had received at the hands of her friends was truly to be deplored. He said that when he had received his copy of the ratio report, Friday night, he telegraphed his town clerk to call a meeting of his town board. He said that his town board was a competent one, and that they had unanimously decided to appeal if this report was confirmed. He then compared the action which the committee had taken on other towns with that on his town, and at considerable length demonstrated, or attempted to demonstrate, that other towns had been favored, and Cornwall treated unfairly. He spoke of towns and cities which were not assessed anywhere near what they should be, and stated upon information that Middletown was assessed anywhere from fifty to ten per cent. of its real value. He spoke of the decrease in ten years in Goshen, Hamptonburgh, Newburgh town, and particularly Blooming Grove.

Then addressing the Republican majority, he said: "It is true I stand here a victim of your power, but it's in no cringing sense I stand, but to demand my rights and to fearlessly protect them." He then warned the Republican members that the day would soon come when their power would wane and that the action of this committee would be an unpleasant memory to them.

Mr. Mosher, of Newburgh, asked Mr. Ketcham if the Cornwall editor voiced his sentiments when he wrote the article which Mr. Ketcham quoted. When Mr. Ketcham denied such an intention Mr. Mosher said that no influence other than the figures had been brought to bear on him as a member of the committee. He then corrected Mr. Ketcham in some of his quotations in regard to several towns and said that many things had been explained to the committee about the several towns which justified the report.

Mr. Tuthill, one of the Democratic members, said that the report was forced to a conclusion much sooner than was expected and wasn't particularly satisfactory to the entire committee.

Mr. Iseman then spoke at some length, saying that the committee had acted impartially and fairly and resented any insinuation to the contrary.

The report was adopted by the following vote:

For—Messrs. Boyd, Board, Brazee, Brooks, Debenham, Fredericks, Harrison, Howell, Iseman, Lawson, Loomis, Loughran, McKissock, Moshier, Patterson, Rake, Smith, Taylor, Thompson, Tuthill, Wells, Wilson, Wood, Goodsell. 24.

Against — Messrs. Bradley, Jones, Ketcham, Post, Quick, Roberson. 6.

Mr. Tuthill by consent added $32 to the town audits of Minisink and the town will raise $250 for road and bridge purposes.

The chair appointed the following Apportionment Committees: General Fund, Messrs. Loughran, Wells, Jones; School Tax, Messrs. Fredericks, Taylor, Smith.

Copies of the County Treasurer's report were handed in to-day.

Messrs. Thompson and Post, the Jail Visiting Committee, reported that they had twice visited the jails at Goshen and Newburgh and found them in good sanitary condition.

Then the special order of good roads was taken up. There were present about thirty visitors to listen to the discussion. This, by the way, was a disappointment to those who came from motives merely of curiosity. The discussion was very brief and hesitating. C. A. Reeve, of Goshen, started it in opposition, claiming that the altering of highways would be an additional tax and work a great inconvenience. A letter from Secretary Hart, of the Wallkill Valley Farmers' Association, was read opposing it. W. H. Strong spoke in opposition. Aymar Van Buren, of New Windsor, said he was in favor of it and hoped it would be adopted.

The matter was finally adjourned until Monday next at 1:30 p. m., when those in favor and against it will be given more time to prepare arguments for and against. The rest of the afternoon was spent in committee work.

MALIGNANT DIPHTHERIA.

Three Deaths in a Family at Burnside —Two Now Sick.

Three of the six children of John Kennedy, of Burnside, this county, have died from black diphtheria within the last week or so. The last of the three was buried Sunday.

Mr. Kennedy and one of his three remaining children are now ill with the same malady, and it is feared that they, too, will die.

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Does your head feel as though some one was hammering it; as though a million sparks were flying out of the eyes? Have you horrible sickness of the stomach? Burdock Blood Bitters will cure you.

VERNON, N. J.

Pay Your Taxes—Tin Wedding—Lost An Arm—Personal and Local Notes.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Collector Bailey will be at Burrows' Hotel, Thursday, Dec. 9, to receive the payment of taxes.

—Lee Shaw will raffle off a gun in the near future.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parker spent Sunday and Monday in Stockholm with relatives.

—Miss Lizzie Farber, of Slate Hill, was visiting in this place last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Williams will celebrate the tenth anniversary of their marriage, at their home near this place, Thursday evening, Dec. 9.

—Mrs. John Farber, of Paterson, who is visiting at Wm. Farber's, near McAfee, had a serious accident last Tuesday. While walking out to the wood shed she fell and striking upon her hand, broke the bones of the forearm and forcing three through the flesh of the upper arm. Drs. Pellett and Conse, of Hamburgh, were called and found it necessary to amputate the arm at the elbow. Reports Saturday stated that she was in a critical condition. She is about sixty years old.

—The children of this place were enjoying the skating last Thursday and Friday.

—A very pleasant little dance was held at Monroe Hotatings, near New Milford, last Wednesday evening, Dec. 1.

—A raffle for chickens was held at Abraham Farber's, last Saturday.

—Mrs. Barnet Drew, who has been ill for a long time with pneumonia, does not improve any.

—Many of our school children are afflicted with sore throats.

NEW HAMPTON.

Corn Cob Social—Ill With Asthma—Communion Service—Pleasing Entertainment—Other Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—There will be a corn cob social held at the residence of Mrs. John L. Stage, Thursday evening, Dec. 9th, for the benefit of the Denton Sunday School library fund. All are cordially invited.

—T. J. Denton is quite ill with asthma. He is unable to go out.

—Miss Nellie C. Purdy spent last Sunday with her friend, Miss Grace Denton.

—The children of Rev. Mr. Hallock are able to be around once more.

—Communion service was held in the Denton Church, Sunday morning.

—An entertainment was held in the Hampton school house, Saturday evening, by the talented elocutionist, Charles E. Bloomer, assisted by Eugene Larue. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. They will be at Denton, Thursday evening, Dec. 16th, to give an entertainment for the benefit of the Sunday School library fund. They left such a good impression here it is expected they will have a crowded house on that date.

—J. L. Mills is suffering from a bilious attack.

—Mrs. H. T. Stage entertained a number of her young friends, Friday evening. A very pleasant time was had by all present.

CIRCLEVILLE.

Additions to Church Membership—New House—Attended Presbytery—Church Fair.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Six persons united with the Presbyterian Church, Sunday, at communion services. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Craus, Miss Elma Peck, Frederick Peck, Mrs. Theodore Travis and Frederick Collins.

—John Weir is recovering from an attack of scarlet fever.

—John T. Bull's house is nearing completion and it is a beauty.

—Rev. B. J. Morgan, Elmer Little and John Crane attended a meeting of Presbytery in Middletown, Monday.

—The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will hold a fair in the town hall, Wednesday and Thursday evening of this week. A concert of excellent talent will be given on Wednesday evening. Admission ten cents. In case of rain next fair evening.

BEAVERKILL.

Revival Meetings — Adventists' Church Dedicated—Other Notes.

Correspondence ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Rev. Mr. Willery is holding revival meetings at the M. E. Church.

—The Adventists dedicated their new church, Sunday, Dec. 5. A large number attended the services.

—Sherman Sprague and Wilham Hong have exchanged teams.

—Marvin P. Tidd is building a large wagon house.

—Cyrus Gray was at Lewbeach, recently, putting a stock of goods in the Gray Brothers' store.

—Wallace Scudder offers his new hotel for sale. He has secured a position as agent for a wholesale liquor house of New York city.

—David Hong has sold his farm at Perch Lake to a Brooklyn gentleman.

Some Foolish People

Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it wears them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 25c. and 50c. Trial size free. At all druggists.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve

Cures Piles, Scalds, Burns.

M'KINLEY'S MESSAGE

Continued from First Page.

The present naval force, especially in view of its increase by the ships now under construction, while not as large as that of a few other powers, is a formidable force. Its vessels are the very best of each type, and with the increase that should be made to it from time to time in the future and careful attention to keeping it in a high state of efficiency and repair it is well adapted to the necessities of the country. * * *

GOVERNMENT OF ALASKA.

The territory of Alaska requires the prompt and early attention of congress. The conditions now existing demand material changes in the laws relating to the territory. The great influx of population during the past summer and fall and the prospect of a still larger immigration in the spring will not permit us to longer neglect the extension of civil authority within the territory or postpone the establishment of a more thorough government. * * *

I concur with the secretary of war in his suggestions as to the necessity for a military force in the territory of Alaska for the protection of persons and property. * * *

THE PACIFIC RAILROADS.

The Union Pacific railway, main line, was sold under the decree of the United States court for the district of Nebraska on Nov. 1 and 2 of this year. The amount due the government consisted of the principal of the subsidy bonds, $27,236,512, and the accrued interest thereon, $31,211,711.75, making the total indebtedness $58,448,223.75. The bid at the sale covered the first mortgage lien and the entire mortgage claim of the government, principal and interest.

The sale of the subsidized portion of the Kansas Pacific line, upon which the government holds a second mortgage lien, has been postponed at the instance of the government to Dec. 16, 1897. The debt of this division of the Union Pacific railway to the government on Nov. 1, 1897, was the principal of the subsidy bonds, $6,303,000, and the unpaid and accrued interest thereon, $6,626,690.33, making a total of $12,929,690.33.

The sale of this road was originally advertised for Nov. 4, but for the purpose of securing the utmost public notice of the event it was postponed until Dec. 16, and a second advertisement of the sale was made. By the decree of the court the upset price on the sale of the Kansas Pacific will yield to the government the sum of $2,500,000 over all prior liens, costs and charges. If no other or better bid is made, this sum is all the government will receive on its claim of nearly $13,000,000. The government has no information as to whether there will be other bidders or a better bid than the minimum amount herein stated. The question presented, therefore, is: Whether the government shall, under the authority given it by the act of March 3, 1887 purchase or redeem the road in the event that a bid is not made by private parties covering the entire government claim. To qualify the government to bid at the sale will require a deposit of $900,000. * * *

The lien on the Kansas Pacific prior to that of the government on July 30, 1895, principal and interest, amounted to $7,281,018.11. The government, therefore, should it become the highest bidder, will have to pay the amount of the first mortgage lien.

I believe that under the act of 1887 it has the authority to do this, and in the absence of any action by congress I shall direct the secretary of the treasury to make the necessary deposit as required by the terms decree to qualify as a bidder and to bid at the sale a sum which will at least equal the principal of the debt due to the government, but suggest in order to remove all controversy that an amendment of the law be immediately passed explicitly giving such powers and appropriating in general terms whatever sum is sufficient therefor. * * *

WILLIAM M'KINLEY.

Executive Mansion

Horseshoer Failed to Register.

BUFFALO, Dec. 7.—The first indictment reported for the failure of a journeyman horseshoer to register, as required by the new horseshoeing law, has been returned by the supreme court grand jury against Walter Gurney. The indictment charges him with having practiced as a journeyman horseshoer without registering in compliance with the law. Gurney was arraigned before Justice Woodward and pleaded guilty and was released on $250 bail.

Republicans Won In Putnam.

PUTNAM, Conn., Dec. 7.—The Republicans turned the tables on the Democrats at the city election held here yesterday. Lucius Fuller, the Republican nominee for mayor, who was defeated two years ago by Lebbeus E. Smith, Democrat, by a majority of 23 was pitted against him with the result that Fuller was elected by a majority of 196. The election created considerable interest, and a large vote was polled.

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10 doz. Ladies' Fur Felts, Wool Felt Hats, Chenille Hats, Velvet Hats, Walking Hats, nearly all colors and shapes, regular prices have been 39, 50, 75c, $1 and $1.50, Economy Price 25c each.

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MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railroad Co.

Trains leave from Middletown Stations, beginning Nov. 28, 1897, and continuing until further notice, as follows:

Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos. 601, 625, 606, 617, 620 and run Sundays only. All other trains daily except Sunday. Trains Nos. 1 & 5 will stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west thereof—due notification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters affixed indicate connection, viz.: "G" with Newburg Branch via Greycourt; "P" with Newburg Short-cut Branch via Turners; "A" with Newburgh short cut via Ardena; "M" with Montgomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch.

GOING EAST.

Nos	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta.
* 12 Chicago Ex.	4 19 a.m.	
* 10 New York Special	6 01 "	
26 Middletown Way	6 30 "	....6.32 a.m
16 Orange Co Ex., G M	7.10 "	....7.12 "
28 Mountain Ex., T	8.23 "	... 8.25 "
38 Del. Val. Ex (M. P. G.)	10 48 "	
* 6 U. W. Mail, (G. ex'ept Su)	12 55 p.m.	...12 57 p m
30 Way, A M P G	4.10 "	....4.12 "
* 2 C. & G. T. Ex. "A"	5.00 "	
* S C & St. L. Limited,	5.35 "	
22 P. J. Local T	7 26 "	...7.28
* 14 Wells Fargo Express	10 40 "	
606 P. J. Local (Sun only) M P. and G. T.	8.23 a. m.	
620 P. J. Local (Su only) "G"	5 08 p m.	
18 Milk (Sunday only)	6 55 p. m.	

GOING WEST

Nos.	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta.
* 17 Milk	6.47 a.m.	
27 Port Jervis Way	10 36 "	....10.32 a.m
* 1 Day Express.	10 56 "	
9 Corning Express	11.25 "	
11 Port Jervis Local	1.04 p.m.	.... 1.01 p.m
33 Port Jervis Exp	3 40 "	.... 3.37 "
†* 5 C. & St. L. Exp	4 16 "	
27 Mountain Exp	5.42 "	.... 5.38 "
15 Orange Co. Exp	6.46 "	.... 6.41 "
25 Middletown Way ar	8.05 "	.... 8.03 "
* 7 C. & G. T. Exp	9 34 "	
29 Way	9 13 "	
* 3 Chicago Exp	11.12 "	
601 Sunday Local	10.38 a m.	
625 P. J. Way (Sun only)	3 08 p m	
617 " " "	10 29 "	

Passenger trains for Middletown leave foot of Chamber street New York, at *4.00, 7.45, 9.15, 10.30 a. m.; 1.00, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, *7.30, *8.45 p. m. Also additional Sunday trains at 7.45, 8. m. 12.30 and 7.30 p m.

Crawford Branch.

GOING SOUTH.

No	Leave for	James St. Sta	Main St
101	Pine Bush Mail	11 55 a.m.	
*115	" "		
601	Sun only	11 00	....11..

COMING SOUTH.

*128	Arrive from Pine Bush	9.16 a.m
*130	" " "	5.40 pm.

N. Y., O. & W. R. R.

NORTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot, Middletown as follows:

No. 9	First Milk	7.45 a m
No. 11	Second Milk	8 45 a m
No. 1	Ontario Express	10.55 a m
No. 7	Sullivan County Express	6.15 p m
No. 5	Pacific Express	8 45 p m
No. 21	Local	11.00 a m

SOUTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot for New York as follows:

No. 8	Mountain Express	8.10 a m
No. 22	Local	2.30 p m
No. 2	New York Express	4.30 p m
No. 12	First Milk	6.20 p m
No. 10	Second Milk	7.35 p m
No. 6	Atlantic Express	6.43 p'm

Trains leave New York at 3.10 and 7.40 a. m., 3.00 and 6.00 p. m.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—Possibly light snows, to-night; generally fair.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., 32°; 12 m., 38°; 3 p. m., 40°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Dec. 8—Wm. E. Gell's magnificent illustrated lecture on "Patmos," with his own copyright views.
—Dec. 8—Monhagen Stag, at truck house.
—Dec. 9—"The Coming of the King," by Grace Church choir.
—Dec. 9—Fair of Wallkill Hose Co., at Assembly Rooms.
—Dec. 10, 11—"Mystic Midgets" at Casino, by St. Paul's M. E. Sunday School.
—Dec. 13, 14—Comic opera, "Priscilla," for the benefit of Thrall Hospital, at the Casino.
—Dec. 15—Concert and ball by 24th Separate Co. Band, at Casino.
—Dec. 21—Vernon Brothers' entertainment, 1st Congregational Church.
—Dec. 22, 23, 24—W. C. T. U. Fair.
—Dec. 23—Ball of Phœnix Engine Co., at Assembly Rooms.
—Dec. 28—Excelsior Social.
—Dec. 30—Ball of Ontario Hose Co., at Assembly Rooms.
—Dec. 31—Masquerade ball, at Casino, under Geo. Lea's management.
—Jan. 21—Excelsior Social.
—Jan. 24—John Thomas Concert Co., Y. M. C. A., at Casino.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7, 1897.

PROMISE AND NON-FULFILLMENT.

The assembling of Congress makes an occasion appropriate for recalling the ante-election promises of the Republican party. Put into power by a vote founded on the propositions to restore confidence and "good times," and to give the country a currency more stable than we then had, and particularly different from that the Democracy offered, it is well at this time to note what has been and is being done.

The time may have been when this party could fool all the people, but it has come to pass that ante-election promises are remembered. It is required that leaders shall be morally honest. Coming into power with clearly drawn lines on the economic questions before us, and with the tariff discussed only by themselves, they use an extra session in not only completely avoiding the main promise, but in foisting on a suffering nation a tariff designed not to raise revenue, but to compel American consumers to pay more for the supply of their wants. The result is millions of deficiency in income as compared with outgo, and the government is to-day forced to use the proceeds of the bond issues the Republicans so severely condemned. It must use this money or suspend payments.

Now what may be expected will be done with the vital election promises at this, the long session of Congress? From the record it may be assumed that there will be nothing done. In this connection the result is to be summed up in the wanderings of a commission of bi-metalists, who have put the United States in an unpleasant light in Europe by their fruitless endeavors. For the abundant crops, and the opportunities thus given the debt-ridden western farmer to liquidate his financial burdens, there is no credit to be given the Republican party. On the contrary, they are hoping to use this, and something that may yet "turn up," to found a claim that they have been the source of national salvation. But we point out the fact that they have not yet done anything to redeem promises, and make the prophesy that this session will be barren in this particular of any results.

The moral whereof is that in this district the hopes of Boss Odell for a return to Congress ought to be blasted.

The small attendance on the Supervisors' hearing on the "Good Roads" measure and the halting and inconclusive discussion of the matter do not mean that the people of Orange county do not take a deep interest in this proposition which involves the expenditure of such a large amount of money. On the contrary they are very much interested, more vitally interested than in any measure that has come before the Supervisors in years, but most of the opponents of the bonding scheme don't feel that it's necessary to go to Goshen to make their opposition known. They've seen the supervisors of their respective towns and read the riot act to them to some purpose, as will be seen when the vote is taken.

A Sensible Man

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THE GREAT BICYCLE RACE.

Contestants Still Smashing Records—Twenty-One of the Thirty-Six Starters Left—The Terrible Pace Beginning to Tell.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7—The contestants in the six day bicycle race continue to smash records. At midnight Waller was fifty-seven miles ahead of the previous twenty-four hour record and over half a dozen riders were ahead of Hale's time, last year.

Waller left the track at midnight for a rest. He declared that he felt well and he looked it.

When the spectators gathered at the track, this morning, they found twenty-one riders remaining out of thirty-six starters. The strain of the terrible pace was evident in the men's faces.

Smith, the Saratogian, retired soon after midnight suffering from dysentery. Among the quitters during the night were Barambee, Blakeslee, McLeod and Reading.

Stephane took the lead at 11:47 but lost it at 12:24 when he left the track.

The score at 2:15: Waller 697; Stephane 696; Miller 684; Rieveirre 668; Rice 665; Schinneer 635; Moore 636; Pierce 631; Golden 588; Elks 581; Hale 576; Enterman 570. Best previous record for thirty-eight hours, 618 miles.

DOING OF THE FIREMEN.

Business Transacted at the Regular Monthly Meetings of the Fire Companies, Last Night.

The several companies of the Middletown Fire Department held their regular monthly meetings, last night, and transacted business as follows:

EXCELSIOR HOOK AND LADDER CO.

This company stamped its feet to keep warm, the secretary called the roll and then an adjournment was taken, the rooms being too cold for the transaction of business.

ONTARIO HOSE CO.

This company reinstated Frank Romer, of the O. and W., and elected John Picot to honorary membership.

PHŒNIX ENGINE CO.

Phœnix elected to active membership Wm. A. Smart, Gus Billman, Robert Dolloway and Joseph Erommus.

An invitation was extended to Linden Hose Company to attend their thirty-eighth annual ball, Dec. 23.

M'QUOID ENGINE CO.

This company appointed James Short, Asst. Chief Daniel Schmidt, Wm. Pohlman, J. M. Garland and P. J. Reilly a committee to arrange for the annual ball to be held in February. It was decided to give an exhibition drill that night and Foreman Short announced company drills every Tuesday night, beginning to-night.

A committee was appointed to arrange for the monthly socials: John S. Farrell, Joseph Lawder, John and James O'Brien and Frank Myers.

EAGLE HOSE COMPANY.

This company appointed a committee to proceed with the furnishing of the room acquired by the removal of the Council.

MONHAGEN HOSE COMPANY.

Monhagens transacted nothing but routine business. The members are actively arranging for their clam bake, which occurs to-morrow night.

WAALKILL HOSE COMPANY.

This company elected A. F. Hawes to active membership. J. McGill and A. D. Cox were dropped from the rolls.

The company will attend Grace Church services, Dec. 26th.

The annual turkey supper and stag entertainment, for which this company is famous, will be held Jan. 1st, at the truck house.

A "HARMONY" CONFERENCE.

Committees Representing the Warring Republican Factions Meet to Discuss Terms of Peace.

A conference of "harmony" committees appointed by the machine and anti-machine organizations of the Republicans was held last evening. A break in the pipe line through which we receive exclusive information as to the doings of our Republican friends makes it impossible to give the details of the proceedings, but we learn in an outside way that nothing much was done. The broken pipe line will, however, be repaired to-day, and a full stream of information turned on to-morrow.

Miss Allie Hughes, Norfolk, Va., was frightfully burned on the face and neck. Pain was instantly relieved by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which healed the injury without leaving a scar. It is the famous pile remedy. W. D. Olney.

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Pimples, blotches, blackheads, red, rough, oily, mothy skin, itching, scaly scalp, dry, thin, and falling hair, and baby blemishes prevented by CUTICURA SOAP, the most effective skin purifying and beautifying soap in the world, as well as purest and sweetest for toilet, bath, and nursery.

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DRESS SHOES AT $1.98.

AYRES' NEW SHOE STORE, 5 West Main Street.

OBITUARY.

William M. Murray.

From Our Goshen Correspondent.

William M. Murray, formerly cashier of the Goshen National Bank and twice County Treasurer of Orange county, died, yesterday, in the State Hospital at Binghamton, aged nearly sixty years.

Mrs. W. D. Van Vliet, of this village, is his sister. Two sons and his wife survive him.

Interment at Elmira.

Will Assist Dr. T. C. Royce.

Dr. A. Freeman Foote, late of Brooklyn, has been engaged by Dr. T. C. Royce as an assistant in his dental practice. Dr. Foote has been making a specialty of operative dentistry and is familiar with the use of electricity in the amelioration of pain in dental operations. Dr. Foote was a Middletown boy and his first knowledge of dentistry was gained in Dr. Royce's office.

Saw Schultz Hanged.

Dr. Howard J. Powelson left, Monday night, on Erie No. 3 for Milford, where he witnessed the hanging of Schultz, the wife murderer.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured.

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was perscribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular perscription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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DAILY ARGUS.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7, 1897.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Huyler's candies at McMonagle & Rogers's
—"Patmos" lecture at the Casino, to-morrow night.
—Farm wanted to work on shares
—Removal of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co
—Dance at Columbia Park.
—See dissolution notice.
—Read assignee's notice
—Bargains at C. L. Swezy's.
—Rooms to let.
—Good books at Hanford & Horton's
—Mystic Midgets at the Casino, Dec 10.
—Read Morris B Wolf's holiday announcement
—Foundry tools for sale.
—Three rooms to let.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, today.

—Regular meeting of Capt. Jackson Post, to-night.

—"The coming of the King" at Grace Church, to-night.

—Hoffman Lodge holds a regular communication, to-night.

—Regular weekly dance at Columbia Park, Thursday evening.

—A fair held, last week, in aid of the Fishkill General Hospital netted about $500.

—Members of Monhagens can get tickets for the clam bake at the rooms, to-morrow night.

—The children at the Children's Home have been presented with free tickets for Mr. Geil's lecture.

—Traction Company employes are raising the low joints and bonding the "dead rails" on East Main street.

—A mad dog caused considerable excitement in Upper Nyack, Sunday, and but three dogs before it was killed.

—Louis Jester has started a class in physical culture. His rooms in the Casino are splendidly arranged for his work.

—The Executive Committee of the Y. P. S. C. E., of the First Baptist Church, will meet, this evening, at the church promptly at 7 o'clock.

—Chicken thieves have been busy of late in the vicinity of Suffern. Fifty chickens were stolen from Mrs. Gerow's hennery one night last week.

—Many of the Middletown friends of the late Clara Mae Hill attended her funeral in Goshen, to-day. The interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

—The monthly meeting of the Missionary Union will be held, to-morrow, at half-past two p. m., in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian Church.

—Have you secured your seat for Wednesday evening for the Geil lecture, "Patmos"? H. S. Dusenberry & Son, North street, have some choice seats yet. It

—The meeting at Dr. Beattie's Church at 8 o'clock, on Wednesday, will close on account of the lecture "Patmos" at the Casino. The lecture will begin at 8:30. It

—The revival meeting at the First Baptist Church will close promptly at 8 o'clock, Wednesday, on account of the lecture by Evangelist Geil at the Casino at 8:30. It

—The Alonzo Hatch Electro-Photo Company will give a concert in the Second Presbyterian Church, Monday evening, Dec. 27, under the auspices of the Sunday School.

—The Traction Company's new time table works well and is in the public estimation the best that the company has ever given. The improved service ought to result in a marked increase in the road's receipts.

—At the request of many there will be a revival meeting, to-night, at 7:30, in the first Baptist Church. At 8 o'clock the advisory committee will hear experiences of a large number of new converts who desire to be baptized next Sunday.

—Mr. Geil gave a rehearsal of "Patmos" in the parlors of the beautiful home of the Hardware King of Paterson, H. W. Mills, at 10 a. m., Saturday, to a number of business and professional people with great success. It

PERSONAL.

—Henry Ferguson, of Brooklyn, is in town visiting relatives and friends.

—Howard Barnes went to New York to-day, to attend the bicycle races.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Richardson are visiting in New York city for a few days.

—Mrs. August Heineman was able to get up town, Monday, for the first time in two months.

—Evangelist William Edgar Geil arrived in this city from Paterson at 6:50, last evening. It

—Bert Stevens, of Montgomery, is visiting his cousin, George Mekles, of 116 Prospect avenue, this city.

—Mrs. DeWitt C. Howell and Mrs. Herbert Swezy, of Goshen, were in this city, yesterday, calling on friends.

—Mrs. John E. Royce, who has been visiting Dr. T. C. Royce, returned to her home in Stratford, Conn., to-day.

—Nelson L. Jennings, who has been confined to the house for the past two months by illness, resumed work Monday.

—Mrs. Ernest G. Canedy, of North Adams, Mass., who has been visiting her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker, of Wilcox avenue, started for her home on the Orange County Express, this morning.

—O. and W. Railway Conductor Oscar P. Kirby, who has been confined to his home, No. 15 Lake avenue, for the past ten days with the grip, is so much improved that he was able, to-day, to resume his run on the road.

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A WIFE MURDERER'S DOOM

HERMAN PAUL SCHULTZ HANGED IN THE MILFORD, PA., JAIL.

Went Bravely from a Feast of Canned Peaches to the Gallows—Died Protesting His Innocence and Forgiving His Prosecutors—His Neck Not Broken by the Fall—Body Taken Down After Hanging Twenty-three Minutes—Schultz's Inspection of the Gallows, Monday—Thrifty County Officials.

Special Dispatch to the DAILY ARGUS

MILFORD, Pa., Dec. 7.—Herman Paul Schultz was hanged at 11:18, this morning, and at 11:41 the body was taken down.

Herman Paul Schultz was convicted of murdering his wife at Shohola in August last. He steadily protested his innocence and reiterated it just before the trap was sprung.

About one hundred persons who were invited by Sheriff Cortright, and had a pull with District Attorney Van Auken, met in the latter's office in the court house between 8 and 9 a. m. At 10.30 all of these were escorted into the little stone jail, so familiar to Middletown wheelmen.

The hanging took place in the front room on the second floor, overlooking the street, and the waiting spectators crowded it.

They gazed with strained faces on the hanging apparatus, and many grew faint at the delay, and some retired.

At 11.08 Schultz was brought in the room by Sheriff Cortright and Deputies George Horton and Alfred Dillison. The noose was already about his neck. The stillness was oppressive, and men looked at each other's white faces, and more withdrew from the room, unable to stand the strain.

Rev. Mr. Lassiter stood beside Schultz and supported him slightly. The latter, however, was perfectly cool and collected. He smiled at times, but his face assumed an earnest look as the sheriff gave him an opportunity to speak.

He made a statement of some length, in which he said he was innocent of the crime of which he was convicted, but that he forgave all who had been connected with his prosecution.

He then knelt with his spiritual adviser and repeated the Lord's Prayer, slowly and distinctly, not the slightest tremor being noticeable in his voice. Rev. Mr. Lassiter then read the Episcopal prayer service for the dying.

Schultz continued to maintain his control. When the pastor had finished Schultz rose, and remarked to the Sheriff with a smile: This noose tickles my neck.

The deputies pinioned his arms and legs, and the sheriff pulled the black cap down over his face. All was then in readiness, and at 11:18, the devotions having lasted ten minutes, the sheriff touched the spring.

Not a sound escaped the murderer's lips as his body shot up into the air about four feet. It swung for a moment, and then hung stationary, there being slight muscular contortions as Paul Herman Schultz slowly strangled to death.

The stillness was most impressive in the little room. Not a word nor a sign passed between the spectators, not one daring to look at another. It only lasted a few moments, however, and then many hastened out for the free air. The physicians and others interested, however, remained until the body was cut down, at 11.41.

The doctors found that the neck had not been broken, and that Schultz had slowly strangled to death. The man's head was swollen and red, and the eyes were set in a ghastly gaze.

The body was placed in a coffin by Undertaker Wood, and hundreds of people were permitted to approach the corpse and look at it.

The remains will be taken to the Philadelphia Medical College, to-night, and professors and students will examine the brain of the murderer.

SCHULTZ'S LAST HOURS.

Schultz only slept one hour, Monday night. He spent the long night walking to and fro in his cell, reading his Bible and praying.

At 7 o'clock he ate a slight breakfast and seemed to relish an orange at 9 o'clock. About 10 o'clock he partook of beefsteak and toast, finishing with canned peaches.

SCHULTZ INSPECTS THE GALLOWS.

Sheriff Cortright, in compliance with a request made by Schultz several days ago permitted him to see the gallows, Monday afternoon. When he saw the apparatus he exclaimed:

"Well, is this the machine which will kill me? It's a pretty hard looking affair. Now, Sheriff, will you show me how it works?"

The Sheriff took a bag of sand with which he has been practising, and, adjusting the noose, kicked the spring and the bag was jerked into the air. Schultz watched every move of Sheriff Cortright very closely and when all was over coolly said:

The condemned man then endeavored to show the Sheriff what he thought should be done that everything might work like a charm.

Sheriff Cortright assured him that everything would be attended to and then Schultz said with a smile:

"Sheriff, when you were away yesterday some one tried the gallows, I think for the purpose of annoying me. They sprung the trap 250 times by actual count. I laughed to myself to think that who ever it was trying to unnerve me worked in vain."

Retiring to the cell Schultz said: "Sheriff, you've been very kind to me, and I want to give you all I possess when I leave this world. You may have my revolver and all other trinkets, and to your wife you can give this little implement which is used for taking out basting stitches. Now I further want to ask you to grant me one last request and that is I don't want you to permit anybody to see or interview me from now on until I die excepting Rev. Mr. Lassiter (His spiritual adviser) and yourself." Schultz then said: Sheriff I want you to let me wear the suit I wore when I came here."

With these words Schultz sat down and opening a Bible he has in the cell began to peruse it.

Schultz received, Monday, letters from his sons—Paul, who is in Shohola, and William, in New York, bidding him goodbye. Schultz has written farewell letters to his three sons.

THRIFTY COUNTY OFFICIALS

The Port Jervis *Union* says: "One of the most revolting things in connection with this execution is the mercenary disposition manifested by the commissioners of Pike county. From the first they have opposed Sheriff Courtright and placed every conceivable obstacle in his way because he would not permit them to usurp the powers of his office and put their mercenary schemes into execution. Their latest scheme is said to have been to have the drop of the gallows made of lead so they could after the execution cut it up in small pieces and sell them as souvenirs of the hanging. Sheriff Courtright when he heard of their intentions had a drop made himself which he will use and refuse to accept the "lead scheme" of the commissioners. This one act, if sanctioned by the sheriff, would be the reverse of creditable to Pike county."

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EXCURSIONS

The "Argus's" Article Condemning Them met With the General Approval of Business Men.

The article in last night's ARGUS on the effect of cheap excursions to New York on Christmas trade, and the relations that railroads ought to sustain to the business men in the cities and villages along their lines, met with such hearty approval among Middletown merchants that a number of them have gone out of their way to express their appreciation of it and to thank the ARGUS for saying a timely word in behalf of Middletown's commercial interests. Said one of Middletown's most prominent business men, to-day. "I'm glad that there is one paper in town that can see what will help Middletown's business interests and that has the courage to take a stand for those interests and the ability to put what it has to say on the subject in a way that must carry conviction even to railroad officials."

Another merchant said "I was so well pleased with what the ARGUS had to say on the subject of Christmas shopping excursions that I sent marked copies to the officials of both the Erie and Ontario and Western roads."

Still another merchant said. "That article on Christmas shopping excursion was the best considered and most timely article that has appeared in a Middletown paper in many a long day."

FELL DOWN STAIRS.

Mrs. Adaline Carter Received Severe Injuries

Mrs. Adaline Carter, of No. 27 Highland avenue, was visiting at Charles Daly's, on North street, Monday night, when she opened the door to the stairs by mistake and fell eighteen feet to the floor below.

When picked up she was suffering from a sprained shoulder and a cut over the eye. Dr. Redfield was summoned, and finding Mrs. Carter's injuries as above stated, he caused her removal to her own home.

Read Every Word.

Many cannot pay a dollar or even fifty cents to hear the great lecture "Patmos" at the Casino, Wednesday evening, Dec 8th. We want to give all a chance. It will be the event of the season. Every seat in that Casino must be used if we can possibly do it.

Read our plan. At 8 o'clock the entire Casino will be free to those having admission tickets at 25 cents only. Lecture begins at 8:30 1t

An Old Lady Injured By Falling Down Stairs.

Mrs. Margaret Ketcham, of Otisville, fell down a flight of stairs leading to a cellar at her home, Saturday night. She is eighty-two years of age, and, for a wonder, she escaped with a sprained shoulder. Dr. Weller is attending her.

Sends a Bear to Jacob Gunther.

Jacob Gunther received a despatch from Hotchkiss & Jones, of East Branch, to-day, telling him to meet O. and W. No. 2 with a wagon, to-night, to receive a large black bear.

Condition of the Reservoirs.

Monhagen Lake contains 17 feet 7½ inches of water, as compared with 15 feet 10 inches last December.

Highland Lake contains 10 feet 7½ inches, as compared with 11 feet 2 inches last December.

Agricultural Society's Treasurer Here.

Henry M. Waring, of Newburgh, Treasurer of the Orange County Agricultural Society, is in this city, to-day, on business connected with the society.

Children's Tickets for the Geil Lecture

Children's tickets for the Geil lecture, "Patmos," are going rapidly. The little folks can hear the lecture for only fifteen cents. It

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AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

New Grocery—Hypnotic Exhibition—Gone to a New York Trade School—Sale of the Driving Park Farm—Epworth League Election.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—A. J. Gardner's new grocery store was opened, this morning.

—Boldy's hypnotic exhibition attracted a fairly large audience at the Music Hall, last night.

—Messrs. Ackley, Davton and Doremus started, to-day, for New York, where they will attend the trade school.

—Ex-Senator McCarty, of Brooklyn has purchased the Pooler farm, back of the Driving Park, recently owned by Bernard McCaffrey. The price was $15,000. Mr. McCarty will erect a large barn on the premises and will bring a large stable of well bred horses to Goshen.

—The Epworth League elected these officers, last night. President, William Spargo; Vice Presidents, A. G. Wheeler, Miss Mary Smith, Miss Ella Farley, Elmer Augustus; Secretary, Miss Margaret LaDue; Treasurer, Miss Carrie Doremus.

"THE COMING OF THE KING."

An Analysis of Dudley Buck's Cantata to Be Sung at Grace Church, To-night

The following analysis of the "Coming of the King," which we have obtained from Harvey Wickham, will enhance the enjoyment of those who attend the cantata at Grace Church, at 8 o'clock, this evening:

The overture, which will be played as an organ voluntary, opens with an original theme, descriptive of the condition of the world before the advent of Christ, when "the people walked in darkness." Immediately following is a melody by Joseph Haydn, which Mr. Buck has treated in order to suggest the appearance of the angels to the Magi, for the tune is associated in the mind of every one with the old Christmas carol, "Holy night." From that point the overture is a miniature of the cantata itself, the same musical ideas being used. It ends with a transcription of "Adeste Fidelis," used by the composer for the same reason that he used "Silent Night" to give a peculiarly appropriate and suggestive character to the work. The processional will be to the original tune of "Holy Night," and during the entire work this tune and "Adeste Fidelis" are suggested at intervals, either by the voices or the organ. Mr. Buck in his employment of *motifs* in this way follows closely in the footsteps of Wagner who invented *leit motifs* which is merely a suggestive phrase repeated in such a way as to remind the auditor of the scene with which it was originally associated.

SWAPPED OVERCOATS

A Change of Garments That Does Not Suit H. B. Royce

Herbert B. Royce is mourning the loss of his overcoat, Lipsett '97, which he took off at the Assembly Rooms, Monday night, at Miss Myers' dancing class, while assisting some of the young ladies to master the terpsichorean art. Some one took it away, and left behind a coat which is set upon Mr. Royce à la Seymour. He hopes for an early exchange with the other fellow.

Milk Thieves Busy on North street.

Complaints of thefts of milk again come from residents of North street beyond Wickham avenue, and of other streets in that part of town. Some of those who have been despoiled think it the work of tramps, while others incline to the belief that the thief is a resident of that locality, and a woman at that.

"I was run over by a lumber wagon. Did not expect to live. Was terribly bloated. My friends bathed me with Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, and I was cured. We have great faith in Thomas' Eclectric Oil." Mrs. Wm. F. Babcock, Norvell, Mich.

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Special — Ten dozen Domet Flannel Skirt Lengths, worth 39c at 29c each. Big display of new Handkerchiefs and Pocketbooks.

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Among a Number of Bills Introduced Is One Relating to the Coinage of Silver Dollars and Another Aiming at Trusts.

WASHINGTON Dec. 7.—The attendance upon the session of the senate yesterday, both on the floor and in the galleries, was notably large, despite the well understood fact that little business beyond the presentation of the president's message and the proceedings incident thereto would be transacted.

Prior to the convening of the senate, the members passed half an hour in exchanging greetings. Mr. Hanna of Ohio, who has been ill for a week, was given a cordial reception by his Republican colleagues. Mr. Wolcott of Colorado, one of the members of the international monetary commission, was also given a warm greeting. Dr. W. Godfrey Hunter of Kentucky, the recently appointed minister to Guatemala, was an interested spectator of the proceedings from a seat beside his friend, Senator Deboe.

Charles Page Bryan, the new United States minister to China, was a notable figure in the reserved gallery, and in the diplomatic gallery were several members of the Chinese legation and other members of the diplomatic corps.

When the senate convened after the recess, Hon. H. D. S. Money, the new senator from Mississippi, entered the chamber, but the oath of office was not administered to him during the session. The reception and reading of the president's message was the important and only feature of the day.

The opening day of the regular session in the house passed without unusual incident of any character. The formalities attending the inauguration of the session were dry and except as a spectacle hardly repaid the crowds which thronged the public and private galleries. Yet, with few exceptions, the visitors sat through the whole proceedings.

Mr Dingley, the floor leader of the majority, Mr. Bailey, the recognized leader of the minority, and Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio enjoyed the distinguished honor of being appointed to wait upon the president, whose message was of course the event of the day. Its reading was long and tedious, but it was followed with close attention by the members and the spectators in the galleries.

There was no demonstration until the reading was concluded, when the Republicans joined in a hearty expression of approval. Immediately after the reading of the message the house adjourned out of respect to the memory of Senator George of Mississippi and Representative Wright of Massachusetts, who died during the recess.

A batch of bills was introduced, including the following:

By Mr. Evans (Ky.), joint resolution pledging faith and credit of the United States to the payment in gold coin of certain of its outstanding obligations, to the maintenance of the par value in gold of all previously coined silver dollars and prohibiting the further coinage of any silver dollar unless it shall contain sufficient standard silver to make the dollar, when coined, intrinsically worth par in gold.

By Mr Evans (Ky.), to modify the civil service act by having it hereafter apply only to department clerks in Washington and those in public offices throughout the country whose salaries are from $900 to $1,800 per annum—letter carriers and railway clerks.

By Mr. Henry (Tex.), to define trusts and to punish corporations, firms, etc., connected with them and to promote free competition in the United States.

By Mr. Bingham (Pa.) to confer jurisdiction on circuit courts in suits at equity for the partition of lands where the United States is a tenant in common or joint tenant.

By Mr. Evans (Ky.), to relieve the president from the appointment of third class postmasters.

By Mr. Adams (Pa.), for equipping the League island navy yard as a recruiting station.

By Mr Quigg (N. Y.), to increase the pay of letter carriers.

By Mr Fenton (O.), granting service pensions to honorably discharged officers and enlisted men in the United States army or navy during the rebellion and to restore the names of certain persons arbitrarily dropped from the pension roll.

By Mr. Evans (Ky.), reducing the internal revenue tax on distilled spirits to 75 cents per gallon.

By Mr. Henderson (Ia.) establishing a uniform system of bankruptcy.

Representative Belden of New York one of the veteran members of the house of representatives, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon by falling down the marble stairs leading from the floor of the house to the basement of the capitol. When the reading of the president's message closed, Mr. Belden started for home, going by the west stairway. His foot caught and he plunged headlong down the steps.

When picked up he was bleeding profusely from a deep gash in the forehead and another across the nose, which it was believed he had broken. He was at once carried to the committee room on a couch, where Dr. George a member of the house and Dr. Moffet attended him. Mr. Belden was conscious, but not rational, and did not know his friends about him.

From the hasty examination made by the doctors it was feared concussion of the brain might be brought on. The wounds in the head were bound up, and the injured man was taken in a carriage to the Arlington hotel.

Physician Held For Wife Murder.

CENTER OSSIPEE, N. H., Dec. 7.—Dr. John R. Hatch has been held for the April term of the grand jury by Justice Hobbs on a charge of murdering his wife, Fannie A. Hatch, by poisoning at Centerville on Sept. 11. After a conference of counsel the justice ordered Dr. Hatch to furnish bail in $3,000.

Sudden Death of a Publisher.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—William A. Holman, senior member of the firm of Holman & Co., Bible publishers, died at his home in this city, aged 51 years. Mr. Holman had been ill only a week with kidney trouble.

Knowledge will help to keep a family alive. The more they know about their own physiology the better they will be able to take care of themselves. The more a man and woman know about health and sickness, the less trouble they will have with the sickness of their children. Some standard medical book ought to be in every home library. The most complete book of this kind is Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser. It contains more exact information about the human body in health and disease than any other book ever printed in the English language. More copies of it have been sold than of any other medical work. It is written in plain language, free from technicalities, and is the work of a regularly graduated, experienced physician. It contains hundreds of useful receipts, a knowledge of which will prevent much sickness, and save many doctor's bills. It is indexed, and contains over three hundred illustrations. 680,000 copies of this great, 1,008-page work have been sold at the regular price—$1.50 per copy—and now an edition of half a million in strong paper covers is being distributed *absolutely free*. Any one may have a copy who will send 21 one-cent stamps, to pay the cost of mailing *only*, to World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y. The book bound in French cloth is 10 cents extra (31 cents in all).

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SUPREME Court, Orange county—The Wheeler, Madden and Clemson Manufacturing Company against Catherine Halliday and others.

In pursuance of a judgment of foreclosure and sale, made in the above entitled action, at a Special Term of the Supreme Court, held at the Special Term Rooms, in the city of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess county, New York, on the sixth day of November 1897, and duly entered in the Clerk's office of Orange county on the 17th day of November, 1897, I, the undersigned, the referee named and appointed in and by said judgment, will sell at public auction, at the Russell House, in the city of Middletown, Orange county, New York, on Monday, the 13th day of December 1897, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, all the premises mentioned in said judgment and therein described as follows:

All that certain village lot of land, situate on the southeast side of a forty feet wide street, which runs from Montgomery street to lands of William Clemson, and is bounded and described as follows:—Beginning in the south line of said street, at the east corner of lands of one Patrick Dougherty it being the northerly corner of the lot hereby to be conveyed, and runs from thence southwesterly along Dougherty's line one hundred feet to line of lands of one Hogan; thence southeasterly along Doran's line thirty-seven feet to line of lands of William Clemson; thence northeasterly along said Clemson's line one hundred feet to said street; thence northwesterly along line of said street thirty-seven feet to the line to place of beginning, containing more or less.

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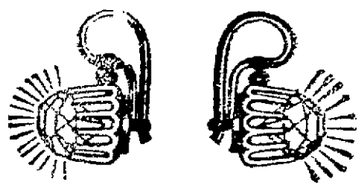

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New Theory Advanced For the Garrisons Wreck.

ALLEGE OBSTRUCTIONS ON TRACK.

Witness at Investigation States That There Was an Indentation on Wheel of Engine Truck Caused by Contact With Some Obstacle.

ALBANY, Dec. 7.—Employees and officials of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad at the investigation which was pursued by the board of railroad commissioners yesterday on the causes of the disastrous wreck on that road at Garrisons on Oct. 21 advanced an entirely new theory as to the cause of the wreck, which was to the effect that obstructions had been placed on the track to purposely wreck the train.

Superintendent of Motive Power William Buchanan stated this theory by testifying that he found an indentation on the tire of the forward wheel on the right side of the engine truck, which, in his opinion, was caused by the wheel while revolving coming into contact with some obstruction, such as a railroad rail placed on a two inch elevation on the inside of the outer rail. The tire of the wheel was exhibited, as were plaster paris casts of the indentation, which, however, was plainly visible on the tire. This theory was further strengthened by Mr. Buchanan and P. H. Dudley, a rail expert in the employ of the company, in their explanation of a fracture of the inner rail of the track, which was also exhibited. This fracture occurred where two rails had been joined together. The nuts on the outer side of the rail plate, holding the joints together, were broken off, and both of the gentlemen testified that the simple derailment of the engine and train would not tear off the nuts, but that they had evidently been tampered with and knocked off previous to the wreck. Mr. Dudley also said that the end of one of the rails looked as though a chisel or a wedge had been driven into it in an effort to separate it from the rail to which it was joined.

Professor Burr of Columbia college and former State Engineer Bogart, who were employed by the Central to examine the fracture in the roadbed, both testified that the water coming down the mountainside and lodging in a gully on the east tracks was not sufficient to deteriorate in any way the condition of the roadbed.

Assistant State Engineer and Surveyor Leutze, who examined the scene of the wreck for the commission, said that the water coming down from the mountain first attracted his attention. He measured it and found that it filled a quart measure every five seconds. In other words, 4,320 gallons of water came into that gully every 24 hours, and while he was there the ditch which was constructed to draw this water away was dry. The water had to go some place.

He dug out some of the roadbed on the outside of the fracture two feet above high tide mark, and it was wet. This was evidently caused by the percolation of the water from the gully. In his opinion this water and gully had a weakening effect upon the embankment, but he could not say whether it was sufficient to cause the break in the roadbed. He knew of cases where the percolation of water from the canal through the towpath caused the outside of the embankment to break off in a vertical manner like that break occurred.

Many other witnesses were examined, but their testimony was immaterial. Among them was Mr. Buel Clare, who formerly had charge of the section of the road where the wreck occurred. He testified that he always considered the portion of the road which slipped away to be bad and that it needed a great amount of care to keep it in condition. At the conclusion of the hearing the commissioners promised to hand down their opinion on the causes of the wreck at an early date.

Turks Seize Novelist Robert Barr.

LONDON, Dec. 7. The Daily Mail reports that a party of Englishmen, including Robert Barr, the novelist, while touring the Mediterranean was seized by Turkish soldiery at Suedah, a port of Asiatic Turkey, 18 miles southwest of Antioch on Nov. 23 last. They were detained 26 hours in prison and experienced much ill treatment before they were liberated. The Daily Mail says that the government has addressed a "serious remonstrance" to Turkey.

Mayor Heath Wins Again.

ROCKVILLE, Conn., Dec. 7.—The city election took place here yesterday and resulted in the reelection of Edwin T. Heath, Republican, for mayor. He received 535 votes and his opponent, Orrin C. West had 505. There was no special interest taken and the vote was light. The Democrats elected three members of the common council, which is a gain of two over last year.

Died After a Lingering Illness.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 7.—Riley W. Bond, one of the best known wholesale merchants of this city, died at his home here from a complication of diseases. He had been ill for a long time. The deceased was a native of Roseland, N. J., and was 71 years of age.

Lunatic Commits Suicide.

TAUNTON, Mass., Dec. 7.—Francis L. Brown of Chelsea, an inmate of the insane asylum here, committed suicide. He was committed to the asylum from the Chelsea court last Saturday. Loss of property is said to have driven him insane.

Alleged Train Robber Caught.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 7.—Harvey Martin, who is believed to be a member of the Jennings train robbing gang, has been captured in the Creek country. There are standing rewards for the robbers aggregating $8,000.

Bank Directors on Trial.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 7.—The trial of the Commercial bank directors has begun here before Sir David Chalmers, former chief justice of British Guiana, and a special jury.

Killed by a Fall.

SOUTHBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 7.—Abraham Gaumond, 40 years old, was killed by a fall from the second story of the new factory at Globeville.

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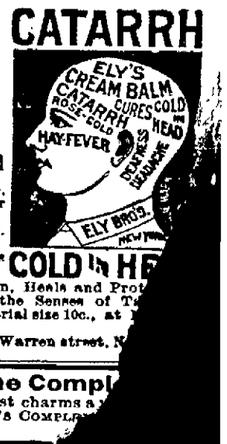

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GREENWICH, Conn., Dec. 7.—Commodore E. C. Benedict is up in arms again, this time against the fishermen who, he claims, have encroached upon his property. The fishermen have been digging clams, he claims, on the shores of Finchs island, formerly known as Tweeds island. Mr. Benedict is a famous yacht owner and has many times entertained former President Cleveland whose warm friend he is. He has been engaged for some time in a feud with a saloon keeper, James Stubbs by name, who keeps a small hostelry at the junction of the steamboat and Indian Harbor roads.

The commodore objects to what he calls encroachments on his property and is very bitter against the fishermen, as bitter, indeed, as he was against Stubbs. Finchs island is a recent addition to Mr. Benedict's demesne, and the fishermen have not recognized that fact with any great alacrity. They have kept right on digging clams along the forbidden shores just as they used to do when the island practically belonged to them, or, in fact, any one who went clam hunting.

Mr. Benedict has posted a notice on the island that any one caught digging clams will be arrested and prosecuted. The fishermen, like the unassuming Stubbs, propose to carry on the fight to the bitter end. And so does the commodore. The fishermen are quite willing to be arrested and prosecuted, as they claim the commodore has not the right to interfere with them.

The outcome of the present feud hangs upon a nice distinction as to boundary lines, just as did the little feud with Saloon Keeper Stubbs. The fishermen claim that the clams grow between high and low water mark and that this ground is common property, just as it was before the island passed into the hands of the commodore. The decisions of the courts, they say, as well as the statute law of the state, uphold their contention.

Already the fishermen have consulted counsel, and they have been advised that they are right in their contention. It is necessary, these lawyers say, for Mr. Benedict to secure a grant from the state before he can claim exclusive right to the clam belt in question. Both sides say the matter will be taken to the courts.

The little affair with James Stubbs, saloon keeper, was a bitterly fought contest. Indian Harbor road is a part of the entrance to the commodore's grounds. The carriage drive to the railway station passed around two sides of Stubbs' saloon.

The commodore, it is said, was particularly bitter against Stubbs because his saloon usurped a picturesque ledge of rocks, an eyesore in place of the rugged beauty of nature.

Many Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The following named fourth class postmasters have been appointed: Connecticut—Burrville, E. S. Miner. New Jersey—Bavans, Anthony S. Stell; Bloomingdale, Miss Rose Sayer. New York—Charlton, James A. Slover; Cutchogue, George A. Gould; Ellington, E. E. Devoe; Hicks Point, C. P. Johnson; Ira Station: C. L. Smith; Kelloggsville, William R. Church; King Ferry, Weston A. Ogden; Lindenhurst, Frederick Torns, sr.; New Hope, George H. Huff; North Clymer, Frank Meerdink; North Rose, John Hill; Shelter Island, Elias H. Payne; West Bangor, M. J. Dyke. Pennsylvania — Grantville, Jacob S. Sherk; Nineveh, J. J. McKee.

Suits Over Idaho's Sinking.

BUFFALO, Dec. 7.—Papers in a series of damage suits have been filed. The actions are against the Western Transit company and arise out of the sinking of the steamer Idaho with her crew on the morning of Saturday, Nov. 6. The complaints charge the officers of the Western Transit company with negligence in letting the Idaho go out of port when she was unseaworthy. In each suit the damages demanded are $10,000.

Small Wonder School Was Closed.

ONEIDA, N. Y., Dec. 7.—The district school at Canaseraga Station has been discontinued because it had but one pupil. Miss Magdalene Bloss was the teacher and for more than a month attended faithfully every day, although the solitary pupil appeared but twice in three weeks. Then she became disgusted and appealed to Commissioner Parkhurst, who ordered the school discontinued.

New Counterfeit Note Afloat.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—A new counterfeit $2 treasury note has been discovered. It is of the series of 1891, check letter B, Tillman register and Morgan treasurer. The note is printed by the photo mechanical process, of fair workmanship and on good paper. In the portrait of McPherson the nostrils are poorly formed.

To Christen the Kentucky.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The battleship Kentucky will be christened by Miss Christine Bradley and the battleship Kearsarge by Mrs. Herbert Winslow. Secretary Long has addressed a formal letter of invitation to Miss Bradley to act as sponsor for the Kentucky. There is little doubt that she will accept.

Strange Method of Suiciding.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Elvira Bucklen, a widow of Gerry, aged 70 years, committed suicide by taking paris green, tying a cord around her throat and holding her head in a tub of water. Suicide is hereditary with the family, several members having taken their own lives.

Six Months For Mail Robbing.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Frank C. C. Redhead, the Lowell postoffice clerk who stole letters, in the United States district court pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months in jail.

LOCATIONS OF FIRE ALARM BOXES.

For the information of our readers, we publish below a complete list of the numbers and locations of all the fire alarm boxes in this city:

14—Wickham Ave., cor. Prince, O. & W. R. R.
15—North street and Low avenue, hat shops.
16—North St. and Wisner Ave., type shop.
17—Railroad avenue and Montgomery street.
18—Grand avenue and Prince street.
23—Wickham avenue, corner Liberty street.
24—West Main street and Wallkill avenue.
25—North street, corner Wickham avenue.
26—James and Henry streets.
27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
28—Lake avenue and West street.
29—W. Main street, corner Monhagen avenue.
213—State Hospital Gate.
214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
215—Rear of State Hospital.
34—Fulton and Mill streets, hat shop.
35—High and Branford streets.
36—Canal street, condensery.
37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
38—Fairview avenue and South street.
41—Fulton street and East avenue.
42—Academy avenue and Houston avenue.
43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
46—Academy avenue and Genung street.
47—Myrtle and Prospect avenue.
48—Grant street and Sprague avenues.
49—East Main street and Prospect avenue.
54—North street, near Orchard.
57—Franklin Square.
21—Ring before a box number, denotes that a test is being made.
1 stroke denotes circ'r broken.
2-2-2 strokes of bell denotes Chief's call.
3 strokes of bell denotes 12 o'clock time.
4 strokes of bell denotes recall, fire is out.

Would Not Be Without Dr. Hand's Colic Cure.

MEMPHIS, N. Y., Nov. 11, '95.—The Hand Medicine Co.—"Our baby, now nearly four months old, has been troubled ever since birth by Wind Colic. At first we tried the usual remedies, but until we tried Dr. Hand's Colic Cure found nothing that would give relief. Now we would not think of being without your Colic Cure and Dr. Hand's Remedies for Children, 25 cents. At all druggists.

J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of eczema. He was quickly cured by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. W. D. Olney.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says, "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"MYSTIC CURE" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in one to three days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents. Sold by J. S. Mills, Druggist, No 2 Empire Block, North street, Middletown.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

When billious or costive, eat a Cascaret—candy cathartic, cure guaranteed. 10c, 25c.

Mother Gray's Sweet Worm Powders

were successfully used in treating children's complaints by Mother Gray, for years a nurse in the Children's Home at New York. They will certainly remove all kinds of worms, and when a child is feverish, with bad stomach and irregular bowels, they always cure. Pleasant and harmless as milk. Mothers should give Mother Gray's Sweet Worm Powders to their children occasionally through the year. They prevent worms forming. Sold by all druggists. Price 25 cents. Sample sent free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Ladies Can't Shave.

But they can shake Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet into their shoes and get rest and comfort. It cures corns, bunions, tired, swollen, sweating feet. 10,000 testimonials. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25 cents. Sample free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, New York.

Doctors Prescribe It.

"JERSEY CITY, N. J., March 2.—My physician recommended Allen's Foot Ease, the powder for aching, sweating feet, corns and bunions. I shake it into my shoes, and am delighted with it. D. D. Clark." At all druggists and shoe stores, 25 cents. Sample free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

For over Fifty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used by millions of mothers for their children while teething. If disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhœa, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price twenty five cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup." sod&w

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Rheumatism Cured in 24 Hours.

T. J. Blackmore, of Haller & Blackmore, Pittsburgh, Pa., says: "A short time since I procured a bottle of 'MYSTIC CURE.' It got me out of the house in twenty-four hours. I took to my bed with Rheumatism nine months ago and the 'MYSTIC CURE' is the only medicine that did me any good. I had five of the best physicians in the city, but I received very little relief from them. I know the 'MYSTIC CURE' to be what it is represented and take pleasure in recommending it to other poor sufferers. Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, North

NEW YORK ONTARIO AND WESTERN RAILWAY

Time Table in Effect Sept. 20th, 1897.

NORTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	11 * Mixed	1 On't Day Exp	27 Local	7 Sull'v'n Co. Exp	5 * Chic'go Limit
N. Y. Leave	A M	A M		P M	P M
Franklin St	3 20	7 40		3 00	5 42
W. 42d St.	3 30	7 55		3 15	5 57
Weehawken	4 00	8 10		3 30	6 30
Cornwall	6 10	9 45		5 00	7 50
Firthcliffe	6 22	9 58		5 08	
Orr's Mills	6 25	9 55		5 10	
Little Britt'n	6 40	10 15		5 23	
Burnside	6 56	10 18		5 44	
Campb'll H.	7 07	10 22		5 40	8 19
Stony Ford	7 15	11 02		5 41	
M'town Main St. ar	7 38	10 45		5 58	
M'town lv	7 40	10 45		6 00	8 38
Winterton	9 10	11 10		6 31	8 45
Bloom'g'bgh	9 22	11 15		6 39	
Wurtsboro	9 26	11 19		6 40	
Summitville	9 38	11 30		6 50	
Ellenville ar	10 05	11 50		7 10	
Fallsburgh	10 22	12 06		7 20	
Hurleyville	10 58	12 12		7 27	
Ferndale	11 15	01 22		7 38	
Liberty	11 30	12 29		7 44	9 56
Parksville	11 45	12 45		7 55	
L'y'gst'n M'r	12 00	12 58		8 08	10 18
Rockland	12 15	1 05		8 20	13
Cadosia	1 20	2 00		A M	10 59
Walton	2 10	2 45	12 45	8 05	11 38
Maywood		3 14	2 10	8 38	
Sidney		3 40	41 3 10	9 02	12 18
N'rwich ar		4 30	A M 5 30	9 57	12 58
N'rwich lv		4 25	7 30 P M	10 02	1 02
Castle		6 06	9 10	A M	2 12
Oneida ar		6 10	9 15		2 17
Oneida lv		6 15	9 20		
Fulton		7 57	10 58		3 58
Oswego ar		8 20	11 20		3 50
	P M	M A	M	P M	A M

SOUTH BOUND.

STATIONS.	6 * New York Exp	12 *	50 Local	14 Delhi Ex	2 42 N Y Day Exp	Nor-wich Exp
Oswego lv	A M 11 20	P M	M A M 7 15		A M 6 45	P M 2 55
Oneida ar			12 22		6 46	5 05
Oneida lv	12 55		1 10		6 50	5 25
Castle			1 15	P M 3 53	6 53	5 27
Norwich ar	2 09		6 15 6 43	10 87	7 15	
Norwich lv	2 14		P M 6 47	10 42	P M	
Sidney	3 05		7 50	11 40		
Maywood			8 08	11 57		
Walton	3 50	2 15	A M 8 40	12 37		
Cadosia	4 21	1 30	8 P M	1 20		
Rockland		2 35	6 00	2 10		
Ly'gst'n M'r	5 07	3 00	8 14	2 25		
Parksville		3 16	6 25	2 37		
Liberty	5 26	3 25	6 36	2 51		
Ferndale		3 41	6 41	n2 56		
Hurleyville		4 04	6 50	3 06		
Fallsburgh		4 19	6 57	3 14		
Centreville		4 40	7 04	n3 20		
Mount'n D.		4 50	7 10	n3 25		
Summitville		5 10	7 26	3 35		
Wurtsboro		5 20	7 33	n3 42		
Bloom'g'bgh		5 28	7 38	3 57		
Winterton		5 54	7 43	n4 02		
M'town ar	6 22	6 55	8 00	4 20		
M'town lv	6 42	6 20	8 10	4 30		
Main St.		6 22	8 19	4 33		
Stony Ford		6 59	8 25	n4 44		
Campb'll H.		7 15	8 31	4 52		
Burnside		7 22	8 38	n4 57		
Little Britt'n		7 33	8 46	n5 08		
Orr's Mills		8 06	8 53	n5 19		
Firthcliffe		8 10	8 53	n5 21		
Cornwall	7 28	8 20	9 02	5 28		
Weehawken	8 45	11 00	10 30	7 00		
New York W. 42d St., N. Y.	9 00	11 15	10 40	7 10		
Fkln St ar	9 15	11 30	10 55	7 25		
	P M	M A	M	P M		

* Runs daily, all other trains daily except Sunday.

f Signifies that trains will stop on signal for passengers.

n Signifies that trains will stop for or to leave New York passengers only.

¶ Stop for meals.

Trains leave Cadosia 6 10 a m and 2 05 p m for Scranton, Carbondale and intermediate stations.

Trains leave Scranton 10 55 a. m. and 4 15 p m for Cadosia.

Trains leave Summitville for Ellenville 9 40 and 11 30, a. m., 3 50, 6.50 p. m.

Trains leave Ellenville for Summitville 7 00 and 10 50 a. m., 3.10 and 5 50 p. m.

Trains leave Delhi for Walton 7 20 and 11 00 a m, 1 30 and 5 0. p. m. Sunday only 3 15 p m

Trains leave Walton for Delhi 8 10 a.m., 12 37, 2 45 and 8 45 p. m. Sunday only 9 15 a. m., and 2 10 p m.

Trains leave Sidney for New Berlin 10.00 a. m., *3 45 and 7.5 p. m. Leave New Berlin for Sidney 7.40 and *10.02 a. m., and 2 0 p m

For further particulars see local card.

Lowest rates of fare to all points west. One to three dollars less than other lines.

Express Trains Nos 5 and 6 run solid between New York and Suspension Bridge. Reclining Chair Car from New York to Chicago without change free to through passengers, and Pullman Sleeping Car without change from New York to Suspension Bridge.

No. 5 arrives at Chicago 9.30 p. m.

No 6 leaves Chicago via Wabash R.R. 3.15 p.m.

Secure rates via Ontario & Western before purchasing tickets and save money. Day and Night Express to the West.

J. C. Anderson, General Passenger Agent.

N. Y., S. & W. R. R.

In effect Nov 28th, '97.

NORTH

New York Ferries	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun p m	Sun p m
West 23d St	8 10		3 50
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	8 30		4 15
Jersey City	8 46		4 5
Hackensack	9 14		4 33
Paterson, (Broadway)	9 26		5 02
Paterson	9 29		5 04
Two Bridges	10 25	2 50	6 30
Ogdensburg	11 07	3 05	6 40
Franklin	11 12	3 15	6 36
Hamburg	11 20	3 25	6 44
Beckertown	11 28	3 40	7 05
Quarryville	11 36	3 52	7 10
Unionville	11 44	4 04	7 18
Westtown	11 49	4 15	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 27	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 37	7 34
Middletown	12 12	4 50	7 45

SOUTH.

	Daily ex Sun a m	Daily p m	Sun p m
Middletown	8 30	7 12	5 04
Slate Hill	8 42	7 25	5 15
Johnson	8 48	7 35	5 21
Westtown	8 53	7 43	5 27
Unionville	8 59	7 55	5 34
Quarryville	9 06	8 07	5 43
Beckertown	9 14	8 20	5 51
Hamburg	9 22	8 46	6 09
Franklin Junction	9 27		
Franklin	9 29	8 56	6 07
Ogdensburg	9 34	9 06	6 12
Two Bridges	9 51	9 27	6 28
Paterson City	9 03		7 45
Paterson (Broadway)	9 05	10 36	7 48
Hackensack	9 16	10 47	8 01
Jersey City	9 38	11 12	8 27
New York Ferries—			
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	9 53	11 23	8 38
West 23d street	10 15	11 45	9 29

f—Stop on signal.

Kindling Wood and Hickory for Grates at

E. H. GREGORY'S.

Telephone Call No. 129.

The Great Food Digester.

S. Grover Graham's Dyspepsia Cure is having a very unusual sale, because of its unusual merit. For sale by

F. M. PRONK

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Solid trains between New York and Chicago, via Chautauqua Lake or Niagara Falls. Pullman cars between New York and Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Chautauqua Lake, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Chicago.

TIME TABLE ADOPTED NOV. 28, '97.

Eastern Time.	U. S. Spec'l. 617	U. S. Spec'l. 625	3	7	29	25	15	27	5	17	21	1	9	11	33	5	13	39	6	30	21	8	22	14	U. S. Spec'l. 606	U. S. Spec'l. 620	Sun 18	12	10	26	16	28	38	6	30	21	8	22	14	U. S. Spec'l. 606	U. S. Spec'l. 620	Sun 18
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Jersey City																																										
Hoboken																																										
Arrive																																										
Leave

A FINE LECTURE.

John Temple Graves Entertained a Large Audience at the Casino Monday Night.

The Casino was filled, Monday night, when John Temple Graves began his lecture, the second entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. course. The audience was a representative one, and included nearly all the city's clergy. Evangelist Gell occupied a seat in a box.

Charles J. Boyd, who introduced the speaker, stated that while Mr. Graves had been announced to give his lecture, "The Reign of the Demagogue," the speaker had informed him that his latest lecture, "The Twentieth Century Woman," seemed to give greater pleasure to his hearers, and hence a vote on the subject was asked. It was unanimous in favor of "The Twentieth Century Woman."

Mr. Graves held the audience's closest attention throughout the lecture and that, not by any forceful line of argument, but by the remarkable word pictures that followed one another in quick succession. His command of language was something wonderful. He always seemed to use the right word, and his sentences, though often long, were so skillfully arranged and his words were so well chosen that his hearers reveled in the beauty of his word pictures, and, sometimes it is to be feared, in their enjoyment of the beauty of form, missed the force of the underlying idea.

He eulogized the mothers of the women of to-day, who left the world their debtors and paid a high tribute to the self-supporting women who are forced to work because their are not men enough to marry them and gave some startling statistics showing the preponderance of women over men.

He ceased with a very glowing eulogy of the work of women and gave a beautiful and forceful argument in favor of woman's suffrage.

REV. MR. HAMBLY SENTENCED.

Presbytery of Hudson Confirmed the Report of the Committee and He Was Deposed from the Ministry and Suspended from the Church.

A special meeting of Hudson Presbytery was held in the Second Presbyterian Church in this city, Monday afternoon, with Rev. J. S. E. Erskine, of Thompson Ridge, as moderator.

The report of the committee of four ministers and three elders, who heard the testimony in the case against Rev. M. C. Hambly, of Bethel, was rendered and confirmed. The moderator then passed sentence in accordance with the report, deposing Hambly from the ministry and suspending him from the church.

Rev. Emmet Sloat, of Scotchtown, who has received a call from the Monguap Valley Church, was examined for ordination, and the resignation of James McMahon, of Haverstraw, was accepted.

The Haverstraw and Nyack churches were granted permission to fill their own pulpits until spring, when Presbytery meets.

Rev. Dr. Charles Beattie, chairman of the Committee on Home Missions, recommended the support of their own churches. This was adopted.

About twenty-five ministers and twelve elders were present at this special meeting.

OUR LAWMAKERS.

Occupations of Members of the Next Assembly.

The State Assembly for the season of 1898 will consist of 150 members, classed 79 Republicans, 68 Democrats, 2 Independent Republicans and 1 National Democrat. The occupations of these members are given as follows: Lawyers 50, farmers 16, produce dealers 2, millers 2, printers 2, merchants 4, coal dealers 4, manufacturers 4, contractors 4, real estate dealers 9, clerks 3, insurance agents 2, grocers 2, bookkeepers 2, law students 2, and one each in the following branches: Editor, newspaper man, journal st, justice of the peace, commission merchant, plasterer, painter, butcher, bricklayer, hotel keeper, treasurer, and tanner, lumber dealer, iron founder, conductor, salesman, steamboat owner, pharmacist, ice dealer, cigar manufacturer, surveyor, livery man, carriage dealer, collector, and one man without occupation—William Astor Chanler, of New York.

Bad Heart—Could Not Lie Down for Eighteen Months.

"I was unable to lie down in my bed for eighteen months, owing to smothering spells caused by heart disease. One bottle of Dr Agnew's Cure for the Heart removed the trouble, and to-day I am as well as ever I was."—L. W. Law, Toronto Junction. This is but one of a thousand such testimonies to the merits of this great cure.

Sold by James T. King and McMonagle & Rogers.

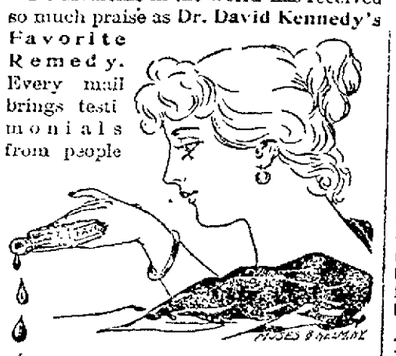
What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more GRAIN-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. GRAIN-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about one-fourth as much. All grocers sell it. Fifteen and twenty-five cents.

"I contracted a severe cold from exposure. Coughed all winter. Could get no relief. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup broke up the cold, and drove away the cold. Never took anything that did me so much good." L. H. Brooks, North Haverhill, N. H.

Health in Every Drop.

No medicine in the world has received so much praise as Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. Every mail brings testimonials from people



all over the United States. Words of thankfulness go up from thousands of lips.

Mrs. James E. Beach, of Rosendale, N. Y., says: "About seven years ago I was a sufferer from kidney disease, so sick and helpless I could not walk a step. My physician could do me no good, so I began to use **Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy.** From the first dose I could see improvement and it entirely cured me. My husband used it for dyspepsia, with excellent results."

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy dissolves the excess of uric acid in the blood, thus curing Rheumatism, Dyspepsia, Kidney, Liver and Urinary troubles. Ills peculiar to women are positively and permanently cured by this marvelous medicine.

$1 a bottle at druggists'.

A NEWSPAPER'S CREDITORS.

They Vote That the Receivers Shall Continue to Publish the Newburgh Daily News.

A meeting of the creditors of the Newburgh *Daily News* was held in Newburgh, Monday. It was called by W H. Weston and Patrick Nugent, receivers of the company, to report on the condition of affairs and ask instructions in regard to continuing to publish the paper.

The liabilities were about $32,000, including $10,000 of bonds. Of the indebtedness about $15,000 was incurred on account of the lithographing plant. While in the receivers' hands, from Oct. 11th to Nov. 27th, six weeks, the total earnings were $4,320 and the operating expenses $4,173, leaving net earnings of $147.

Mr. Weston thought it advisable to sell the whole plant as quickly as possible, but the sense of the meeting was that the receivers should continue to publish the paper until the time for the return of the order appointing them, Feb. 7th.

Better Than Klondike Gold

health and strength gained by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier. It fortifies the whole system and gives you such strength that nervous troubles cease, and work which seemed wearing and laborious, becomes easy and is cheerfully performed. It has done this for others, it will for you.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver tonic. Gentle, reliable, sure

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing Kidney and Bladder disease relieved in six hours by "NEW GREAT SOUTH AMERICAN KIDNEY CURE." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidneys and back, in male or female. Relieves retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy.

Sold by J. E. Mills, druggist, Middletown, N. Y.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. TIGHE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 16 North street, Middletown, N. Y. Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.

New York, Dec 7, '97.

	Yesterday Close	To-day Close
Sugar	141⅛	141¼
Tobacco	85½	86⅝
Chicago Gas	94⅝	95⅜
Nat. Lead	34½	35⅛
General Electric		33⅝
U. S. L., pref.	63½	63½
Tenn. Coal and Iron	25½	26⅜
A. T. & S. F.	13	13⅛
C. B. & Q.	96½	97½
C. M. & St. P.	94	94⅝
R. I.	96⅛	96⅝
D. L. & W.		
C. of N. J.	83⅛	84⅞
Erie	14½	
D. and H.	109	110
O. & W.	15½	15⅞
Susquehanna & Western		
Susquehanna & West., pref.	34½	34½
P. & R.	21½	21⅝
N. W.	125⅝	125⅞
L. S.		
N. Y. C.	107½	107½
M. P.	32⅝	33⅝
Texas	11½	12⅛
C. P.	25⅝	25½
W. Union	89½	90
L. & N.	55½	56¼
Manhattan	105⅝	105⅞
P. M.	30⅝	31½
Wabash, pref.	18⅛	18⅜
No. Pacific, pref.	56⅞	57⅝
W. L.		
Southern R'y		
Southern, pref.	30½	31½
May Wheat	88⅝	89⅝
May Corn	28½	28¾
May Oats	22	22⅛
Jan. Pork	$8 32	$8 30
Jan. Lard	4 33	4 27

Thousands suffer from catarrh or cold in the head and have tried the popular remedy. There is no longer any excuse, as a 10 cent trial size of Ely's Cream Balm can be had of your druggist or we mail it for 10 cents. Full size 50 cents.

Ely Bros., 56 Warren St., N. Y. city.

A friend advised me to try Ely's Cream Balm and after using it six weeks I believe myself cured of catarrh. It is a most valuable remedy—Joseph Stewart 624 Grand avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

$100 Dollars $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address, F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.

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Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Hives are not dangerous to life, but they are a prolific breeder of misery and profanity. Doan's Ointment gives instant relief, even in the worst cases of this and other exasperating diseases of the skin.

DIED.

WATERFORD—At 7 Benjamin street, this city, of general debility, Mary, widow of Harry Waterford, aged eighty-two years.

FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 99 North street. Telephone No. 3. Lady assistant. New York office 154 East 23d street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

KNAPP & MERRITT, Undertakers and Embalmers, 42 West Main street corner James, Middletown, N. Y. 50 Great Jones St., New York city. Lady assistant. Telephone Call No. 10.

JOHN DONOVAN, Undertaker and Embalmer 124 North street. Fine coaches to let. Telephone 15. Lady assistant. Open day and night.

DOUGHERTY & REILLY, Undertakers and Embalmers, 50 Cottage street, Middletown. Telephone 42, night and day. New York office, 52 Great Jones street. Also long distance telephone. Lady assistant.

I. D. OSTERHOUT, Undertaker and Embalmer Lady assistant. Telephone 158, Middletown, N. Y. 40 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn. 48 Great Jones street, New York.

NEW TO-DAY.

TO LET—Three very desirable rooms on 2d floor. Call at this office. 15dtf

WANTED to Work on Shares—A 25 cow dairy farm. Reliable party. Address A. J. GREGORY, Stamford, Delaware county, N. Y. 15d3t

REMOVAL—Office of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. from Kernochan Building to Times Building. 15d5t

ROESCHER'S Orchestra—Social dance, Columbia Park, Thursday evening. Ladies free. 1td

FIRST Floor to let at No. 10 West Main street, suitable for dressmaking, milliner or offices. 15dtf Address Box 65, Goshen.

READ EVERY WORD—Many cannot pay a dollar or even 50 cents to hear the great lecture Patmos, at the Casino, Wednesday evening, Dec. 8th. We want to give all a chance. It will be the event of the season. Every seat in the Casino must be used if we can possibly do it. Read our plan. At 8 o'clock the entire Casino will be free to those having admission tickets at 25 cents only. Lecture begins at 8:30. 1t

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RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESS.

I hereby offer for sale the tools, implements, fixtures, manufactured and unmanufactured stock heretofore owned by the Degnan Plumbing Company of this city. An inspection of the property can be had and terms and conditions of sale ascertained by application to the undersigned.

C. MACARDELL.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 7th, 1897. 15d3t

COFFEE!

Arbuckle's,	12c
Best Rio,	18c
Pea Berry,	21c
Choicest Maracaibo,	25c
O. G. Java,	30c
Mocha,	32c

SLOAT'S Cash Store.

EVERYBODY'S FAVORITES ARE COMING.

Living Midgets, Real Fairies.

GIGANTIC PRODUCTION BY HOME TALENT.

MYSTIC MIDGETS!

Never before has an entertainment been offered to the public possessing such a peculiar fascination for both old and young as The Mystic Midgets. It is a juvenile fairy spectacle in two acts, giving two hours of enjoyment. The cast is composed of from 75 to 100 of our own children, the boys representing Midgets from all nations and gnomes ever bent on mischief; the girls, "all glittering with sequnces and robed in filmy gowns of lace," represent the dainty denizens of fairyland. Besides these there appear on the stage live insects and animals.

Casino Theatre

FRIDAY EV'NG, DEC. 10.

Matinee Saturday, at 2:30 O'clock

General Admission 25c, Reserved Seats 35 and 50c., to be had at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's, North street.

THE People of the State of New York to all persons interested in the estate of James E. Brazee, assigned to A Van Nest Powelson, under a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, send greeting:

You and each of you are hereby cited and required personally to be and appear at a term of the County Court of the county of Orange, to be holden at the Court House, in the village of Goshen, in the said county of Orange, on the 25th day of January, 1898, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to show cause why a final accounting of the accounts of said A. Van Nest Powelson, as assignee of above named James E. Brazee, insolvent debtor, should not be had, and if no cause be shown then to attend the final settlement of the said Assignee's said accounts.

In witness, whereof, I have hereunto caused the seal of the said County Court to be hereunto affixed. Witness, Hon. [L. S.] John J. Beattie, County Judge of Orange county, this 6th day of December, 1897.

W. G. TAGGART, Clerk.

GEO. H. DECKER, Attorney for Assignee Middletown, N. Y. dTu5tJan4

IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Lucinda Herton Yocum, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, at his office, No. 16 East Main street, in the city of Middletown, on or before the 14th day of April next.

Dated Middletown, N. Y., Oct. 12, '97.

GEO. H. DECKER, Executor. dWeeSmAp13

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for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

HAVING Purchased J. H. Houston's Express Business I am prepared to promptly execute all orders in that line and solicit a share of the public patronage.

O. G. O'NEAL, 25 Wawayanda avenue. 96dtoDec1

DR. F. N. FRIEND, Dentist, office corner North and King Sts., Middletown. Entrance on King St. Dental work of all kinds. Gas administered. dlySep4'98

W. J. GROO will be at his office, 11 North street, Saturdays, and every evening from 7:30 to 9 o'clock, for consultation and the transaction of law business. 86d1mDec2

WANTED—Ladies to remember that you swore off on having your shoes repaired with nails. It makes them stiff and heavy. CRAIG sews on the soles, which makes your shoes feel flexible. The cost is no more.

EXTRACTING with gas 50c., odontander 50c. No charge for extracting when artificial teeth are to be inserted. Best teeth $6, $8 and $10 a set. Twenty years' experience. 9d&wtf DR. ROBINSON, 44 and 46 James St.

FINE Oak Painted Bedroom Suit, bedstead, bureau with glass, wash stand and stand, grind stone and frame, well curb and vinegar barrels, all cheap at EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street

MUSICAL Instruction on mandolin, piano, violin, guitar, banjo, flute by VINCENT MAGGIO, 68 North street, second floor. d&w1

CHAS. J. KIDD, Jr., 70 Academy avenue—3,000 designs in Wall Paper. Estimates furnished for painting, decorating and hanging. 71

WILLIAM OTTO BENDER, City Upholster and Awning Maker, with good help, is now ready to take orders for all kinds of work in his line Over 200 samples of awnings, for private houses and stores, to select from. Residence and factory 15 Knapp Ave., near Wickham. 1yMy19

WE HAVE MADE a deep cut in the prices of our Trimmed Hats, in order to reduce the stock at once. Also special low prices on Felt Hats, Turbans and Bonnets. 59d&wtf MRS. BUSH, 144 North street.

CLAIRVOYANT—PROF. W. H. SAGENDORF will return to Middletown, Dec. 28th, and remain one week at Wm. S. Roe's, 37 James street 52d&wtf

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

CAROLINA Tar Syrup cures coughs when other remedies fail. Proven a good thing by experience. Try it. 25c a bottle at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

WANTED—Capable men of good address to represent our nurseries Permanent position with good pay. ELLWANGER & BARRY, Rochester, N. Y. 13d6t

HOUSE to Let, 134 West Main street. Enquire at 66 South street. 13d2t

FOR RENT—Double house, No. 14 Beattie avenue, arranged for two families, city water. Barn if wanted. Low rent, desirable location. 11dtf F. C. EVERSON, 150 East Main street.

THERE are many new designs in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, etc., for the season of '97-'98. Call and examine them at A. M. AMBLER'S, 50 North street, next to Press office. Repairing a specialty at short notice and all work guaranteed. Engraving of all goods purchased free of charge. See other adv.

PHILIP HENRY, Practical House Painter, No 9 Linden Terrace. Painting walls a specialty. 47dtf

LADIES' and Gents' Suits and overcoats cleaned, dyed and pressed, gloves cleaned, ostrich plumes cleaned, dyed and curled. 86d3mFeb2 J. A. AUSTIN, 33 Wickham Ave.

A BUSINESS EDUCATION—Railway and Commercial Systems practically taught—Stenography, typewriting and telegraphy, school of commerce. No. 47 Washington street, Middletown, N. Y. Day and evening. Established 1835. 89d1yFeb17 J. B. VANGELDER, Principal.

TWO Grain Quinine Pills 5 cents a dozen, 25 cents a hundred. Each pill guaranteed to contain two grains of pure sulphate of quinine, no better made. Get them at CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

PAPER Hanging at 12½c a roll; also all kinds of painting. Estimates on all work cheerfully furnished. EMIL MARTINI, dtf Shop 5 Academy Ave.

THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monhagen avenue. 78d1yOct23,98

FOR RENT—Six rooms on Hanford street, newly papered and renovated throughout. Enquire at F. W. VANSICKLE'S Shoe Store, 58 North street. 85dtf

LOWER Part of house, 69 East avenue; lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street; lower part of house, with barn, 203 East Main street, for rent. Enquire of P. CUMMINGS, 100 North street, or corner East Ave and Fulton St. 78dtf

JEROME FOLLETTE, Piano and Organ Tuner Fine tone and action regulating a specialty. All work guaranteed. Orders left at T. B. Dayton's Real Estate Agency, Room 1, Stern's Building, North St., Middletown, N. Y. 52d&wly Aug28 98

WANTED on Bond and Mortgage—$2,500, 5 per cent., security worth $5,000, in this city; also $1,500 wanted, 6 per cent. MERRILL & BURKE, Attorneys, No. 57 North street. dtf

ONLY 10c. A POUND FOR Pork and Sausage.

Who'le Pork Loins 9c., Beef Steak 10c., Lamb 8c.

Highest cash price paid for Pork.

W. J. Greening, 13 E. Main St

DISSOLUTION—On the first day of December, 1897, the firm of Thomas C and Fred C. Royce, Dentists, Middletown, N. Y., was dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by Dr. Thomas C Royce, who will be assisted by Dr. A. Freeman Foote, late of Brooklyn, N. Y. Dr. Foote is making a specialty of operative dentistry and is familiar with the application of electricity in its use for ameliorating pain attending dental operations. Crown and bridge work and dentistry in all its branches will receive prompt and careful attention at this office, corner of Main and South streets, over National express Co.'s office. 15d&wtf THOMAS C. ROYCE.

Notice—Unpaid Taxes and Assessments.

Notice is hereby given to all persons, corporations and associations indebted to the city of Middletown, N. Y., for unpaid taxes and assessments that the undersigned has been directed by the Common Council of said city, to advertise and sell all property against or upon which said unpaid taxes and assessments are assessed.

Notice is also hereby given that ten days from the date hereof is given to all such persons, corporations and associations within which they may pay such taxes and assessments without a additional cost and expense.

Dated December 4th 1897

13d10t JOHN F. BRADNER, City Attorney.

IT HAS OFTEN BEEN ASKED

How we can so constantly present offerings of such exceptional values. The answer is simple—Everybody knows the value of ready money and concessions obtainable for large quantities bought for cash. Buying largely, paying cash invariably, we can and do sell new, fine goods every day in the week and every day in the year, at the lowest prices any can name.

Dressing Sacques.

Made of soft warm materials that combine luxury with usefulness. We have them in all the leading plain colors, Cardinal, Pink, Light Blue and Grey. Pretty stripes in dainty colorings made in a great variety of styles. Come in all sizes 32 to 40, at 89c, 98c, $1.19, $1.48.

Handkerchiefs.

From the place in Ireland, France or Switzerland where they are made, Handkerchiefs come to us direct, and they come in numbers that you can but faintly imagine. Our great holiday purchase of 11,000 Handkerchiefs means a saving to our customers, besides giving you the finest assortment of popular priced handkerchiefs in the city.

AT 3c.

Girls' and Boys' Printed Handkerchiefs ready for use in a great variety of styles.

AT 5c.

Plain white real hemstitched, fine lawn with printed borders, white lawn with corded effects, lace trimmed and lace medallion corners.

AT 10c.

1,200 Handkerchiefs at this price in a great variety of styles, the best value ever shown in any store.

AT 15c.

A manufacturer's stock of 1,400 sample handkerchiefs in dainty series, embroidered patterns. All linen hemstitched and open work patterns. Many of this lot is worth 20c and 25c. All at 15c or two for 25c.

25 dozen Men's All Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, full size, 15c, two for 25c.

AT 25c.

1,200 Ladies' Fine Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, the handsomest assortment of dainty patterns ever shown by any firm.

360 All Fine Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs bought from a manufacturer going out of business. Not one worth less than 50c.

Men's Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, the best value in the market.

Men's Japanese Silk Initial Handkerchiefs. Compare ours with any shown in this city at 39c.

AT 48c.

Ladies' Pure Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs closed out from a manufacturer going out of business, a lot not one sold for less than 75c, as long as they last 49c.

Men's Finest Quality Japanese Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, the best we have ever shown.

Ladies' Underwear.

Ladies' Outing Flannel Gowns, yoke in front and back, 49c.

Ladies' Outing Flannel Gowns made from the best Outing, 69c.

Ladies' Outing Flannel Gowns, wide sailor collar, trimmed with linen lace, 95c.

Ladies' Cotton Ribbed Short Underskirts with crochet edges, 49c.

Ladies' Black Sateen Underskirts warranted fast black, the best value ever shown by any store, 98c, $1.25, $1.48, $1.68.

Ladies' Percer Silk, Heavy Silk, and Moreen Underskirt, regular tailor made, $1.98.

Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Cotton Vests, "sold as seconds," 19c.

Ladies' French Ribbed Vests and Pants, both are extra well made and trimmed, 25c.

Ladies' Heavy Cotton Extra Size 7, 8 and 9 Vests and Pants for extra stout people, 35c.

Ladies' Cotton Ribbed Closed Pants, extra quality, 50c pair.

Ladies' Combination Suits, special value, at 50c, 75c, $1.25, $1.48.

Domestics.

Best Apron Gingham in all the staple checks, 4½c yd.

Fruit of the Loom Bleached Muslin, 6c yard.

Mill Remnants of Fine All Linen Crash Toweling, 7c, 9c, 10c yd.

54 inch Unbleached Table Linen, 25c yard.

64 inch all Linen Bleached Table Damask, 50c yard, worth more at wholesale.

White Bed Spreads, three special values 49c, 75c, 98c.

5—4 Bleached Pillow Cases, 9½c each.

9—4 Bleached Sheets, the best goods made, 45c.

Extra large All Linen Huck Towel, 15c, two for 25c.

10c Velvet Finished Outing Cloth, the best goods made, 8c yard.

Best Dress Prints, 4c yard.

Warm Wrappers for Women

We have just made a cash purchase of of 480 Ladies' Wrappers from a manufacturer at a great reduction from the regular prices. They are marked to sell at prices less than the cost of the goods were you to buy at retail, and the making couldn't be bettered. They come in Percale, Flannelette and Outing Cloth. 98c—$1.48.

Our special box of Writing Papers and Envelopes at 10c, 15c, 25c and 49c is the best values in the city.

Prepared Palms.

We have added to our holiday stock an assortment of prepared Palms and Plants as natural as the real and no trouble to keep them. See our assortment at 50c, 95c, $1.75, $3.

Jardinieres.

1 Gross Jardinieres, good size, three pretty colors, 10c each.

½ Gross Large Jardinieres in four handsome colorings, 25c.

½ Gross Extra Large Jardinieres, all handsomely decorated, 39c.

An assortment of fine Jardinieres at 39c, 49c, 79c, 98c, about half the regular prices.

In the Notion Stock.

You will find all the little knicknacks that a complete notion stock should always keep. Some special values are:

3 papers best brass 5 Pins, come in three sizes, 10c.

Ladies' Stockinet Arm Shields, 5c.

Corset Stays in white, drab and black, 4, 5 and 6 hooks, 5c pair.

A good quality of tooth or talcum powder, 5c box.

Special lot of Tooth Brushes, 5c and 10c each, worth double.

A Glass Water Bottle holds one quart, regular price 25c, this lot 15c.

Ladies' Children's and Babies Side Elastics, all sizes, 10c pair.

Special lot of fine Hair Brushes about half the regular price' 25c and 39c each.

Genuine Violet Soap, worth 15c a cake our price 10c.

No. 80 all Silk Taffeta Ribbon in a great variety of styles, not one worth less than 50c yard, all at 29c.

Glass Salt and Pepper Sets, couldn't get them fast enough last year, 10c.

Ladies' Side Elastics in all colors with satin bands, 19c pair.

Cube Pins, assorted sizes, black, white and fancy heads, 5c.

Violet of Parmer and White Violet Toilet Water, each bottle in a box, 25c.

See our Holiday Perfumes put up in fancy boxes, finest goods ever shown by us, at 25c, 39c and 49c. We keep nothing but the best goods.

Our Holiday Show Open. Bring the Little Ones. Admission Free.

HART DAVIS, 45 NORTH S